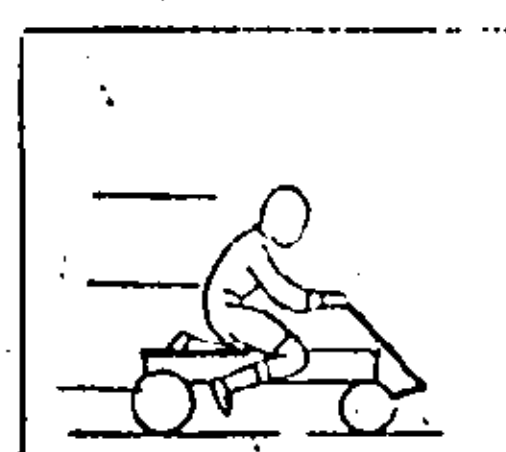


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## BANK LOSES OVERDRAFT APPEAL

MUST PROVE REVERSE ENTRIES JUSTIFIED

OVER \$360,000 INVOLVED.

### SEQUEL TO CREDITS GIVEN THROUGH ERROR

The Full Court, consisting of Sir J. H. Kemp, (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice Lindsell, this morning dismissed with costs an appeal made by the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation. (appellant-defendants), against an order made in chambers by Mr. Justice Wood.

The question before Their Lordships was one of onus, each party claiming that the burden lay upon the other. The facts were that plaintiff-respondent in this appeal, Mr. Choa Po-sien, had originally called for a statement of account, after asserting that his overdraft balance at the bank was only \$139,000. The bank in reply, said that due to credits made in error, they were justified in reversing entries in their statement, showing an actual overdraft of \$500,000.

### "DEPOSITS" RELIED UPON

The Chief Justice, reviewing that event the onus would clear the submissions by counsel, held that the "deposits" in this case had in fact been relied upon by both parties. He further held that a credit had been made, and communication of the fact definitely given to the plaintiff. Accordingly, that credit had been inferred, and drawn against. In the circumstances, he must find that the onus was on the defendant bank.

The findings of facts in the present judgment were provisioned, and would not affect the consideration of facts when they came up for hearing.

The appellant was represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, while the respondent was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

### THE JUDGMENT.

The Chief Justice, giving judgment, said:—This is an appeal from an order by Acting Chief Justice Wood settling an issue which arose on the accounts filed by the defendant in pursuance of the normal order in the action.

There seems to be a curious absence of authority directly bearing on the question of the principles to be followed in deciding which side is to bear the onus in the issue. Probably the ordinary rule that the onus lies on the party who substantially asserts the affirmative is sufficient guide in the great majority of cases. If one could imagine that no accounts had been filed in the present case I think that the onus would be on the plaintiff, because it seems to me, on the present state of the evidence as it is before the Full Court on this appeal, that, apart from those accounts, the issue really would be, were the deposits made, i.e., was cash or its equivalent actually paid in by or on behalf of the plaintiff, or by some other person for his credit. In this issue the onus would surely be on the plaintiff.

I think, however, that we must take into consideration the accounts duly filed and sworn to on behalf of the defendant in the normal course of this action for an account, and that the onus in the issue may be affected by the contents of those accounts. I say this although I express no opinion at this stage as to whether the accounts will be evidence in the issue without further proof. Both draft issues assume the accounts as a starting point.

**Divergent Views.**

The parties take different views of those accounts. The defendant says that the accounts properly include seven reversal entries and show a sum of \$500,000 as due, and that it is for the plaintiff to surcharge and falsify, and that, therefore, the onus is on him. He further says that all reference to the seven credit entries, which were wrongly made, might properly have been omitted, and that in

## PRINCE TO ADDRESS BUSINESS MEN.

To Speak on His South American Tour.

VISIT TO FACTORIES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales will next week address business men at meetings arranged by local Chambers of Commerce in Birmingham and Manchester. He will refer especially to his observations on his recent South American tour. At the week-end he will fly to the Midlands, where he will stay with Lord Ednam, who accompanied him to South America, and it is expected that he will make informal visits to several factories in the Birmingham and Wolverhampton districts.—British Wireless Service.

on those credits as well as in reliance on the security.

If so, we have one element which is important in considering the case, i.e., that the creditings, which are admitted, were drawn against. I am aware, of course, that the defendant has suggested that the account was really operated for the use and benefit of the former comrade of the defendant, but that is denied and I must assume here that it was an ordinary account.

### Communication.

Another point which is important in several of the cases is the question of whether the credit in question had been communicated to the customer. If the plaintiff did make or authorise the deposits, he would, of course, know of them, and indeed, large deposits do not appear in a customer's ordinary account without his knowing about them. The fact that the defendant did not question the deposits, but allowed the plaintiff to draw against them, would amount to the equivalent of actual communication that the credit entries had been made. It will be noted that there was no reversal until September 30.

There is also definite prima facie evidence of communication in the plaintiff's affidavit which was filed during the hearing of the appeal. This affidavit was objected to, but we held that it was admissible without any leave. We held this on the construction of section 610 of the Code and on the authority of Norton v. Compton, (1884) 27 C.D.392, and Spencer v. Ancoats Vale Rubber Company (1888) 58 L.T. 363.

### Credit Given, Banker Pays.

I have carefully considered all the cases cited, and I think that the result of them, expressed in terms of onus, may for the purpose of this case be stated thus. When a banker credits a customer with an amount, and that credit is communicated to the customer, or credit is effectively given, so that the creditor may infer the crediting, the onus is on the banker to show if he can that the amount was wrongly credited. In some cases, of course, the banker may not be able to recover even if he proves that the crediting was wrong (per Abbott C.J., in Skyring v. Greenwood (1825) 4 B & C, at 288), and in others, though he succeeds in reversing the entry he may be liable in damages (Holland v. Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Company, Ltd., (1909) 25 T.L.R. 885), but in all such cases the onus appears to be on him.

### Decision for Plaintiff.

I do not propose to discuss the cases in detail, in this judgment, but as I am deciding against the defendant, I should like to add the following remarks. In the first place, I find in this case (1) that credit was effectively given, and (2) that there was actual communication. In the second place, the actual decisions in cases on section 82 of the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882, are not in point because the question there is whether payment was received for a customer. In the third place, I agree that some of the dicta quoted are much too general unless they are read in the light of the facts. See, for example, "Capital and Counties Bank v. Gordon" (1903) A.C. at 249, as explained in "Bever v. National Bank" (1906) 23 T.L.R. at 68.

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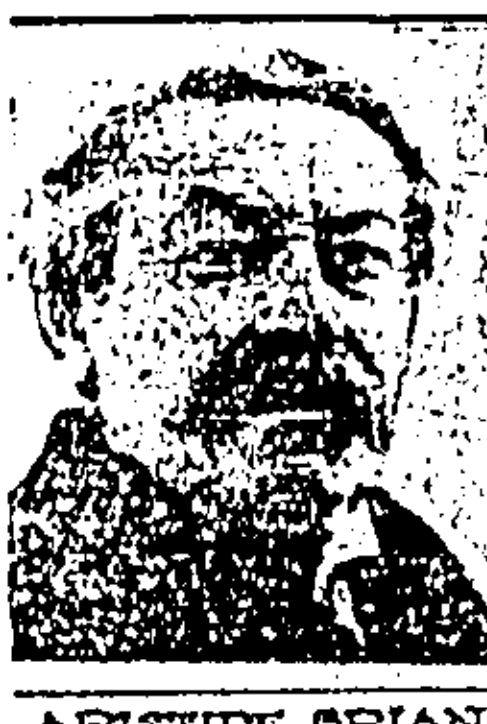
M. Briand's Chances for the Office.

DECISIVE DEBATE.

Paris, Yesterday.

The question as to whether M. Briand will be a candidate for the Presidency on May 13 largely depends upon the issue of the big two-day debate on the Austro-German customs union plan, which opened in the Chamber this afternoon.

Recently there have been a crescendo of attacks on M.



ARISTIDE BRIAND

Briand in the Right Press, which has been straining every nerve to prevent his attaining the Elysée, and the degree of his success in the debate will determine his presidential prospects.

The discussion is based on an interpellation by M. Franklin Bouillon, declaring that M. Briand for the past five years has been repeatedly mistaken, thus gravely compromising France, and it is necessary immediately to modify his foreign policy.—Reuter.

### BANK RATE.

MOVE TO DISCOURAGE GOLD STOCKS IMPORTATION.

HUGE ACCUMULATIONS.

New York, Yesterday.

The Federal Reserve Bank's production of its rediscount rate from two to one and a half per cent.—the lowest figure on record—was partly to discourage the importation of gold stocks of which at the end of April there was the unprecedented total of \$4,721,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

### FINANCE BILL.

FIRST READING PASSED BY COMMONS.

LAND TAX INCLUDED.

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons passed the first reading of the Finance Bill to-day, embodying the Land Tax and the Budget.—Reuter.

### OVERCAST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

A moderate anti-cyclone is central over the Lower Yangtze Valley.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds; fresh to moderate; generally overcast.

### Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Rainfall since January 1—14.87 inches against an average of 13.67 inches—surplus 1.20 inches.

### Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	70
Macao	68
Prata Island	74
Manila	79
Poonchow	65
Chefoo	62
Shanghai	50

## HONG KONG FLYING CLUB FINED.

Penalty for "Being a Nuisance."

MOTOR CAR OFFENCE.

The Hong Kong Flying Club appeared as defendants in a summons case at the Kowloon Police Court to-day for three offences:—failing to notify the Police of a change of ownership of a car, failing to have the same car equipped with a signalling device, and allowing an unlicensed driver to drive the car on a public road.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared for the defendants and entered a plea of "guilty" to all the offences, but said that with reference to the first two, the car in question was a very old one and was only used for pulling aeroplanes about and for general odd jobs on the Club's premises. Definite instructions had been given that the car must not be taken outside the Flying Club field, and therefore the Club did not think it necessary for it to be equipped according to standard regulations. With regard to the third offence, owing to the heavy rainfall during the days prior to April 15, when the offence took place, the Club ground became waterlogged and was in a marshy condition, and it was because of this that the car was taken out on to the highway.

A Nuisance.

Mr. Hamilton:—"I propose to fine the Flying Club for being a nuisance. Inspector Mason had a lot of difficulty in tracing the car, owing to it not being registered. I will caution them on the first two offences, and I will impose a fine of \$25 for not notifying the authorities of the change of ownership."

## LAND UTILISATION BILL AMENDED.

House of Lords Vote Against Measure.

REJECTION ADOPTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

When the Agricultural Land Utilisation Bill, which was considerably amended in Committee, was considered on the report stage in the House of Lords this evening, Lord Parmoor said that the Government must give an uncompromising negative to Lord Halsam's request that the House of Commons should be advised to waive their privileges regarding certain amendments which the Lords had made to the Bill.

After debate Lord Halsam thereupon moved the rejection of part one of the measure, which deals with the power of the Minister to acquire land for purposes of reconditioning. The Lords accepted his amendment by 82 to 31 votes, a majority against the Government of 51.—British Wireless Service.

## CHINESE OLIVER.

FORCED TO LEAD A LIFE OF CRIME.

LARCENY CHARGE.

Wong Puk and Shu Lam, two Chinese boys, were this morning charged with breaking into and entering the third floor of a store at 249, Leichikok Road at 2 p.m. and stealing four sacks. To gain admittance they had to break the lock off the door.

Sergeant Baker said that the first defendant was an orphan and had been sent down to the Colony from the country after the death of his parents. He had no fixed abode. The second boy had a mother, who went out to work, and the neighbours alleged that the boy was sent out each day, and if he failed to bring home a certain amount of money each night he was flogged and given no food.

When questioned by the Police yesterday, the woman denied all knowledge of the boy, but later admitted that he was her son.

Mr. Hamilton admonished both the defendants, and asked if some arrangement could not be made with regard to the orphan.

## LOCAL POLICEMEN CHARGED.

Alleged Possession of 25,000 Heroin Pills.

ANALYST'S DELAY.

Joint charges of being in possession of 25,000 heroin pills were preferred against two Shantung Police Constables who appeared before Mr. W. S. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

For the prosecution, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, D.S.P., said that it was at first thought that the pills were morphine, but on examination were found to be heroin, and so he would ask for the charge to be amended accordingly.

His Worship enquired of Inspector, J. E. E. Broker if the exact amount of heroin had been ascertained, and he replied that the Government Analyst had only marked down 25,000 pills but did not state the quantity of heroin.

A remand would give time for that purpose.

### Analyst's Report.

The Magistrate asked why that had not been done before, and Inspector Booker replied that the Analyst only started to examine the pills at 5 p.m. yesterday.

His Worship remarked that in previous cases he had been told that the quantity of heroin could not be obtained to any exactitude, but it was possible for the Analyst to form an estimate of the amount.

Inspector Booker replied that in the event of the Analyst not being able to state an estimate of the quantity of heroin then the charge would have to be changed.

His Worship replied that that was so, and added that the charges may have to be withdrawn altogether.

A remand of 24 hours was granted.

## SCARE IN ICE HOUSE STREET?

Business Against Bank Notes Only.

A FIT OF NERVOUSNESS!

Things are quieter than usual in Ice House Street to-day, and a China Mail reporter learned from a usually reliable source that this is due to nervousness over certain happenings of the past couple of days or so.

It is whispered that two "speculators," not necessarily brokers, who were constantly to be found in Ice House Street, are absent from their usual haunts, and certain people have good cause to regret their absence, and the fact that all attempts to find them have so far failed.

One of these absentees, it is further whispered, is alleged to have given a cheque which has been returned by the bank marked "refer to drawer." The natural result of this is nervousness, and everybody is now doing business on one term only, and that is against bank notes only!

Prior to this scare, our informant told our reporter, brisk business, on paper, extending as far forward as July, had been done in "Brokers' Alley," particularly since May 1.

### CANADA'S NAVY.

DESTROYERS TO CARRY OUT POWER TRIALS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Canadian destroyer Saguenay leaves Woolston tomorrow to carry out her power trials and the sister ship, Skeena, follows shortly.

The Saguenay is expected to be commissioned at Portsmouth on May 27 and the Skeena on June 11.—British Wireless Service.

## BRITISH EXPLORER RESCUED.

Marooned on Ice Cap for Five Months.

RETURNING TO BASE CAMP.

London, Yesterday.

The anxiety concerning the fate of the British explorer, Mr. Augustine Courtauld, who has not been heard of since November, when he was marooned on a Greenland ice cap, has been relieved by a report from Copenhagen that he has been found and will return to the British base camp.

### Another Report.

Angmagalik, Yesterday.

Mr. Courtauld is safe and is returning to the base camp with Watkins.

### Story of the Rescue.

Angmagalik, Later.

It is now established that a dog sledge party, led by Watkins, rescued Courtauld. Captain Ahrenberg, after three hours' flight in searching the frozen waters for a sign of the missing explorer, spotted a hut and landed as near to it as possible. Then he walked, but found the hut empty. There were tracks of a sledge, however, leading from the hut, which Ahrenberg followed, flying his aeroplane low till he sighted Watkins' party marching to the base, accompanied by Courtauld. Ahrenberg dropped food and flew back to the expedition base with the good news.

### No Details Given.

Stockholm, Yesterday.

Apart from the fact that it was Captain Ahrenberg who sent a wireless from his aeroplane giving the news of Courtauld's safety, there are no details to show how he was found.

### Early Cable.

The Swedish airman, Ahrenberg, who left here accompanied by Mr. Cozens, a member of the Watkins expedition, had wireless reported that he landed on the Greenland ice cap after three hours flying. He will continue his search for Mr. Courtauld as soon as weather permits.—Reuter.

## IS AMERICA "GOING THROUGH HELL?"

Bulging With Gold, Says Mr. J. H. Thomas.

UNSTABILISED PRICES.

London, Yesterday.

The convocation of a world-wide economic conference only means dissipating the economic crisis, suggested Mr. J. H. Thomas in a speech at Leeds. He challenged any student of affairs to name any country offering a better hope of confidence than Britain, where there was more employment to-day than in the boom period of 1913. Nevertheless, world-wide rehabilitation was impossible while the prices of primary products were unstabilised.

He said that America was "going through hell," and finding it uncomfortable to have bulging gold coffers.—Reuter.

## REBELS SURRENDER

END TO RISING IN PORTUGUESE GUINEA.

REVOLT QUELLED.

Lisbon, Yesterday.

The insurgents in Portuguese Guinea have surrendered, according to a message from the Portuguese Consul at Dakar.—Reuter.

[A message of May 6 stated:—It is learned that Portuguese Guinea is still in a state of ferment, and that a Government expedition to that place is now contemplated, although the rebels are reported to have fled on learning of the defeat of the Madeira insurgents.]



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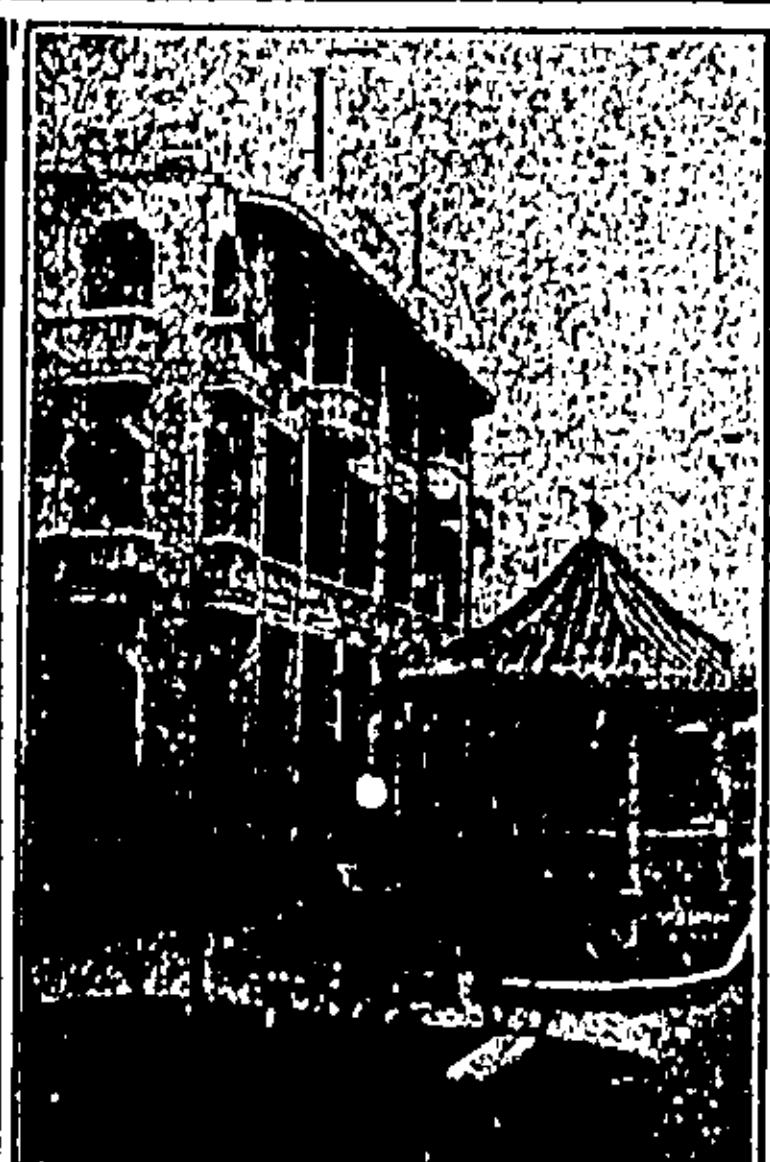
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The vessel will be on view at H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon, from the 2nd May.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on SATURDAY, the 16th day of May, 1931, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1930, to elect Auditors, and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 9th to the 16th day of May, 1931, both days inclusive.

Hong Kong, 30th April, 1931.  
**LIANG CHI-HAO,**  
Managing Director.

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on TUESDAY, the 19th May, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th May, 1931, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,**  
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Hong Kong, 28th April, 1931.

**GENERAL NOTICES****NOTICE.**

**THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC** that Mr. P. J. CARNELL is not associated and has no connection with, and on no account is authorised to collect money for the undermentioned Companies.  
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Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.  
Hong Kong Herald Publishing Co.  
Hong Kong Dollar Directory Co.  
Hong Kong, 4th May, 1931.

**UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.**

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:  
Ray Coulter, U.S.S. Mindanao, South China Patrol, from Honolulu.  
B. Musser, President Lincoln, from Manila.  
Wehrli Erector, Kowloon Hotel, from Winterthur.

**S. LACK,**  
Manager.

Hong Kong, May 7, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:  
Furleum, from Shanghai.  
Vendor, from Shanghai.  
Murakami Ichiro Fukudakan Nihonsakai, from Tokyo.  
Ellis Bennett, Kowloon, from Yokohama.

Scanlon, Peninsula Hotel, from Shanghai.  
Wyllie, Hong Kong Hotel, from Tientsin.  
Chien Yung-ming, Kowloon Hotel, from Tientsin.  
Jullung, from Shanghai.

**F. V. JENSEN,**  
Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, April 29, 1931.

**HONG KONG HEIGHTS**

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
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It is not really surprising that Mr. Metaxa, as he confessed, is "as excited as a schoolboy." For it would be difficult to find anyone who has come to London without knowing a word of our language, without having ever appeared on a stage, and to have reached both stage and screen "stardom" in five years.

Mr. Metaxa told me (writes an Evening News correspondent) all about his early fears and struggles, and his ambitions, while he sat in the Chelsea flat which has been his home during the run of "Bitter Sweet," in which he has made such a success with Miss Peggy Wood. He is 31, lithe and dark, with a charming smile, and enthusiasm for everything.

"My 16 a month in Bucharest would not have kept my wife, baby and myself if I had not some other means," he said. "I used to sing at parties sometimes—just my two songs. One was Ay Ay Ay, with which I had a big success later. I sometimes longed to act, but never dared to dream of it."

"One night an American, John Fox, was at a party and heard my songs. He told me I ought to take up the stage, and I laughed. A week or two later I had a wire from him offering me a small part in 'Hearts and Diamonds' in London. 'I had never been further than Paris before and did not know a word of English, but I decided to risk it. When I arrived here I was expected to know the language. I spent night after night learning and got my part parrot-like without even knowing what it meant.'

**Happy Five Years.**  
"Every one in the show was anxious, expecting me to 'crack' as I did not show the usual nerves before the show. I never knew 'stage fright' and was a success with an untrained voice. After that I studied the language hard and found that the theatre was where I really belonged."

"I shall remember these five years, which have given me whatever success I shall ever have, as the happiest years of my life. I shall always remember Mr. Noel Coward as one of my best friends. He has helped me more than I can ever say. 'Bitter Sweet' must have established a record because in the two years it has run none of us has ever felt bored with it and there has never been a quarrel in the company."

"It will be sad leaving it—and for the unknown. I think I will make a success of the films, but I have not tried yet. I have never been to America, and my longest sea voyage has been—the Channel."

"All I know about what I am to do is in a cable, 'Good part for you in the middle of April.' I am ready for anything—from scrubbing floors to athletic heroism or big romantic stuff."

"I'll Do Anything."  
"I believe I shall do some romantic parts with singing. Good! I'll be a wonderful lover or anything they like."

Mr. Metaxa bounded across the room. He handed me a photograph of a pretty little girl—his eight-years-old daughter, Yvonne.

"She'll be pleased if I get on all right," he said. "It will be for her. My wife and daughter are coming over when I have settled down. At the end of my five years' contract, if I have made a hit, we are coming back to London—the finest City in the world—for a time at least. And one day we hope to have a house of our own here where we can see the friends who have taught me all I know and helped me when I needed it."

**MR. G. E. A. ROSS.**

**Death Of K.C. For Many Years  
In India.**

Mr. G. E. A. Ross, K.C., who, after many years in India, had a big practice in Downing Street, dealing almost exclusively with Privy Council appeals from India, has died at the age of 93 at Warwick Road, S.W. He was called to the Bar in 1871.

Sir George Henry Fischer-Smith, head of Frederick Smith & Company, Ltd., wire manufacturers, and chairman of the London Electric Wire Company, and Smith's, London, has died at Halifax, aged 84. He was mayor of Halifax for two years and entertained the King and Queen when, as Duke and Duchess of York, they opened Halifax Infirmary.

**BACHELOR BISHOP  
SPEAKS OUT.**

**Young People and  
Week-Ending.**

**COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE.**

The bachelor Bishop of London (Dr. F. Winnington Ingram) delivered a surprisingly outspoken attack in a sermon at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on "week-ending" (as he called it) by young unmarried couples.

"He spoke of 'companionate marriage' as a part of 'this insidious teaching which is creeping in to us from America,' and went on:

"We have to look very carefully to see what is the teaching of our Lord. I find that in talking to these people a great deal is made by them of the Lord's kindness to the woman taken in adultery. Of course He was kind. He always was kind but you can't take that single instance and forget the rest of His teaching. The Christian religion clearly teaches that the human body, instead of being bad, is a very beautiful thing."

"If Sir James Jeans is right in that wonderful book of his, 'The Universe Around Us,' the human body must have been about 270,000,000 years being made."

"Sometimes people are miserable because of the craving of the animal body. There is no wrong in that; what is wrong is yielding to these cravings if they are wrong. We have to re-set Christ's ideal to-day. God came into this world to show that the human body could be worn without sin."

"We are mourning in London a great and good man who has passed away. Archdeacon E. E. Holmes, was unmarried and he would have told you that it is an impossible thing to do."

"There is great difficulty in London in following the path of virtue. Watch every cinema, watch every play in London to see that through the eyes there do not come temptations into the minds of the young."

"You find that it is the open air people—the man or the boy who is out in the open—who find far less difficulty about these things than someone who is brooding indoors all day, a prey to his own thoughts."

"The other day I had the greatest difficulty in persuading a young married woman that to go away with a man other than her husband for a day or two was adultery. 'Adultery,' she said, 'What a funny thing to call it.' The Bible calls it that."

**PHARAOH'S HEART.**

**Literary Truth Of Bible  
Story.**

The hardening of Pharaoh's heart recorded in the Bible, was literally true, said Lord Moynihan at a meeting of the London Society, when he spoke on "Ancient Medicine and Surgery."

The large blood-vessel springing from the heart of Pharaoh, he said, was found in such a well-preserved state that they had been able to make sections of it and compare them with those made from a man recently dead.

"No pathologist," he added, "can tell which is the ancient and which is the modern section. They are indistinguishable."

Remarkable that diseases common to-day were also known long before Christ, Lord Moynihan said: "Pharaoh the Oppressor died of acute appendicitis. We know now that Napoleon did not die of cancer in the stomach as was popularly believed. Sir Arthur Keith has found that he died of Malta fever."

Staff-Captain Yuan Yung-sheng, of the Salvation Army in Peking, was among the passengers who sailed from Shanghai on the M.M. m.v. Felix Roussel. He is going to London where he will study Salvation Army operations at the International Headquarters for about six months.

**Overland China Mail.****A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.**

The Filipino steamer passenger charged with the murder of Mr. John Harrison, on the high seas, aboard the R.M.S. Empress of Russia, in February last, pleaded "Guilty," on his appearance at the Assizes, but after some discussion it was ordered by the Court that a plea of "Not Guilty" should be entered. Counsel in the case were divided in opinion as to the precise nature of prisoner's admitted insanity, expert medical evidence, it was stated, having been taken on both sides. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full account of the opening stages of the trial.

Proposed revision of the percentage of assessments on tenements, payable as rates, is indicated in an official motion to be brought before the Legislative Council. The effect of the motion, if passed, it is considered, will tend to equalise the burden of assessed taxation in the Colony. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL gives an extract of the official motion, pointing out at the same time what may be considered to be its effect.

A bomb outrage in Yaumati, for which the motive still appears to be obscure, is also reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL. The affair, which happened in the heart of a crowded district, resulted in the death of the accountant of an hotel, and was carried out in an unusually cool and daring manner.

Traffic chaos in Chater Road, approaching midnight, brought an Assistant Superintendent of Police into Court as prosecutor, and resulted in a smart fine being imposed upon an Indian motor driver. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full account of the hearing, during the course of which several unusual features were brought out.

Sports features in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL include special descriptions of the racing at the Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, and exclusive reports of finals in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament.

There is no phase of the life of the Colony or of China that does not receive attention in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL—the weekly paper that YOU MUST ORDER NOW.

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The word "Overland" is a reminder of the experience behind the production, it having been published since the early days of the Colony, to be sent OVERLAND because there was no Suez Canal, and that was the quickest route by which to get mail Home. In the march of time the "Overland China Mail" has become the most popular weekly news budget, as it has been compiled just to suit present-day requirements, as it has done all along. What more could be desired?

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**BRITISH RADIOSTAT AND ITS  
DEVELOPMENT.**

The British Radiostat Corporation in its latest progress report, which is supplemental to that of July last, says that in respect of the latest form "Stenode" broadcast receiver—a "single control" instrument with power selectivity far in advance of any other existing receiver—more than 80 manufacturing licences have been issued to the trade in Great Britain while further applications are receiving consideration. Commercial models of the "Stenode" broadcast receiver have already made their first appearance on the market.

An American company has been incorporated to handle the products of the company in Great Britain. The issue of licences has commenced. Applications for manufacturing licences and for representation have been received not only from nearly every country in Europe, but also from Australia, South America and the Far East. Steps are now being taken to demonstrate the system to manufacturers in France.

the possibilities of the "Stenode" system for reducing interference and for increasing the number of available channels in the other have aroused the close attention of the various authorities concerned, with whom the company is in negotiation.

As to the commercial development of the "Stenode" system as applied to landline work, a contract has now been entered into whereby the Central News will act as sole marketing agents for commercial purposes in Great Britain, and apparatus is now being installed at their London offices.

Orders have been received for installations of the system on certain newspapers, and negotiations are in progress with other journals. The patent position has been still further consolidated, and the directors are of opinion that the progress made to date is ahead of original expectations, and view with satisfaction the practical results accomplished.

The bonus dispute between employees, and management of the Hwa Chen Tobacco Factory has been settled, and the workers will have distributed among them \$38,000. The chrysalis workers have also agreed to accept a wage advance of \$1.50 per month.





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Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.  
IAKUSAN MARU ..... Saturday, 10th May.  
HARUNA MARU ..... Saturday, 30th May.  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.  
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ATSUTA MARU ..... Saturday, 27th June.  
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ROMA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Celbes Maru	Tues.	19th May
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHABA via Singapore & Colombo.	Shunko Maru	Sun.	24th May
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Chicago Maru	Fri.	5th June
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Bangkok.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	5th June
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Honolulu Maru	Mon.	18th May
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Arizona Maru (From Kobe)	Sat.	23rd May
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Kinai Maru	Mon.	1st June
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	14th May
KEELING via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Canton Maru	Sun.	10th May
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Hosan Maru	Sun.	17th May
	Deli Maru	Thurs.	21st May

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### SUEZ CANAL CHARGES.

#### Manchester Ship Merchants' Resolution.

The shipping merchants committee of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce has recently been considering the question of dues charged by the Suez Canal Company, and at the meeting held recently the following resolution was unanimously adopted for transmission to the Government.  
"That the shipping merchants committee of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, having regard to the present state of depression in trade and the urgent need for economy, is of the opinion that the high level of dues charged by the Suez Canal Company is operating seriously to the disadvantage of British trade with the East and to the advantage of the Inter-Asian trade and other competitive trades, which are free from the heavy burden of dues; and is further of the opinion that the time has now come for substantial reduction in such dues. The committee, therefore, urges H.M. Government as the largest individual shareholder in the Canal Company, to use its influence to secure a reduction to gold francs 5 per ton in the case of loaded ships, and gold francs 2.50 per cent. in the case of ships in ballast, in accordance with the arrangement made in 1883 between British shipowners and the Canal Company.  
"The committee expresses the strong opinion that a policy of lower charges, calculated as it is to maintain and foster the flow of trade through the canal, is as much to be desired in the interests of the canal shareholders as in the users' interests."

### CUNARD STEAMSHIP CO.

The directors of the Cunard Steam Ship Company announce that the profits for the past year are insufficient to enable them to recommend the payment of a dividend.  
The last occasion on which the ordinary dividend was passed was for the year 1909. Since then regular payments have been made ranging from 5 per cent. to 10 per cent. For the past three years 7½ per cent. has been paid on the £5,570,261 of ordinary capital.  
The total issued capital is £8,070,261, including £1,500,000 5 per cent. preference and £1,000,000 6 per cent. second preference stock and a British Government share of £20.  
Net profits for 1929 amounted to £809,638 after providing for depreciation of steamships, the highest in recent years and an increase of £259,151 over 1928. The reserve was increased by £50,000 to £1,500,000 and the carryforward raised from £138,397 to £395,266.

### ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, May 6.  
Tweedbank, British str., 3,437 tons, Capt. T. H. Morgan, from Tsingtao, buoy No. A7.—Bank Line.  
Thursday, May 7.  
Benvennoch, British str., 3,119 tons, Capt. Watters, from Singapore, buoy No. Naval 2.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.  
Glenluce, British str., 4,120 tons, Capt. Kennett, from Tsingtao, buoy No. A1.—J. M. & Co.  
Helikon, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. B18.—Wo Fat Sing.  
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.  
Kashmir, British str., 5,554 tons, Capt. R. G. Axford from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. & Co.  
Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Canton, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.  
Pong Tong, British str., 1,001 tons, Capt. R. E. Freckleton, from Saigon, buoy No. B17.—Yuen Song Fat.  
Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,251 tons, Capt. T. Thorbjornsen, from Saigon, buoy No. B19.—Chang Tong Ha.  
Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Pakhoi, buoy No. A5.—Sing Kee & Co.  
Texas, American str., 3,835 tons, Captain A. D. Hanson, from Shanghai, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Dollar S.S. Line.  
Yatshing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Canton, buoy No. E1.—J. M. & Co.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Bruce—In dock.  
Cornwall—North arm.  
Hermes—West wall dock.  
Odin—In dock.  
Otus—In dock.  
Pandora—In Talkoo dock.  
Proteus—In Talkoo dock.  
Sandwich—South wall.  
Sirdar—North wall.  
Somme—South wall.  
Sterling—North arm.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Tarantula—East wall.  
Foreign Man-of-War.  
Argus—French gunboat.

### STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Sirdhana left Kobe for this port on May 6, p.m., and is due here on May 12, a.m.

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### INVENTION TOO ACTIVE.

#### "One Of The First Problems To Overcome."

The calamity of this age, and one of the first problems to overcome, was that invention was too active. Too many things were produced too easily, and everything was too cheap.  
This was the keynote of an important speech by Sir Alan Anderson at the annual banquet of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners in Merchant Taylor's Hall, London.  
There were over 220 diners present in the historic hall, ladies watched the proceedings from the gallery, and messages from the King, the Prince of Wales (Master of the Company), and Sir R. Burton Chadwick (Deputy Master) lent special importance to this outstanding event in the social year of shipping.  
The Prime Warden, Commodore Sir Bertram F. Hayes, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., R.D., D.L., R.N.R., was in the chair.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Moncalieri are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 10.  
Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Cracovia are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after May 11.  
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Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 27	July 31
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 17
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 24	Aug. 30
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 7	Sept. 14
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 21	Sept. 27
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 12
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 19	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 30	Oct. 31	Nov. 6
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SATURDAY, MAY 9.  
Shanghai and Swatow ..... Soochow  
SUNDAY, MAY 10.  
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Tjikembang  
MONDAY, MAY 11.  
Manila ..... President Cleveland  
TUESDAY, MAY 12.  
Japan and Shanghai ..... General Metzinger  
Australia and Manila ..... Tai Ping  
FRIDAY, MAY 15.  
Straits ..... Kashima Maru  
Japan and Shanghai ..... Hakusan Maru

### OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, MAY 8.  
Samshui and Wuchow ..... Kwong Hung ..... 4 p.m.  
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles ..... Kalyan (Due Marseilles, June 6.)  
K.P.O.  
Parcels ..... May 8, 4.30 p.m.  
Registration ..... May 9, 9 a.m.  
Letters ..... 10 a.m.  
SATURDAY, MAY 9.  
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia ..... Tando ..... 12.30 p.m.  
Manila ..... President Madison ..... 2.30 p.m.  
Saigon ..... Helikon ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Straits & Calcutta ..... Kum Sang ..... 4 p.m.  
Parcels ..... May 9, 4 p.m.  
Letters ..... 5 p.m.  
Australia (except Places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane ..... Kum Sang connecting with s.s. Niouwholland at Singapore. (Due Brisbane, June 2.)  
Registration ..... May 9, 4.15 p.m.  
Letters ..... 5 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Ho Sang ..... 5 p.m.  
Halphong ..... Song Bo ..... 5 p.m.  
Amoy ..... Anshun ..... 5 p.m.  
SUNDAY, MAY 10.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ..... Canton Maru ..... 9 a.m.  
Bangkok via Swatow ..... Kwangchow ..... 9 a.m.  
Saigon ..... Chihhua ..... 9 a.m.  
MONDAY, MAY 11.  
Swatow ..... Hydrangea ..... 2.30 p.m.  
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*KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
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*PERIM	7,648	25th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
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*PADUA	5,999	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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## NEW FOG SIGNALLING INSTALLATION.

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An installation of the latest type of Willet Bruce control apparatus by the Maritime Signal Co., Ltd., Liverpool, has just been completed and despatched for the new Cie Gle. Trans-Atlantique steamed Colombie, now building at Le Havre. It consists of mechanism for automatically controlling the anchor fog signals, which are officially a bell rung rapidly for five seconds on the forencastle, and alternatively with a gong or triangle sounded in a similar manner at the stern of any vessel riding at anchor in a river or fairway during fog.

The apparatus, which is entirely controlled from the bridge, consists essentially of switchgear for using the same motor or motors which are fitted in the chart house for automatically controlling the whistles, also to control the power impulses for the bell and the gong fitted on the bow and stern respectively. The operating switchgear consists of a new type of robust mien insulated, copper to copper, contactor. The box is engraved in the usual three positions:—"Silent," "automatic" and "hand operated," and externally is the same as the well-known Willett Bruce bridge whistle control apparatus.

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## HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (\*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

May 8 to 14, 1931.					
DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER		
May	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.	
	H. M.	F.	H. M.	F.	
Fri. 7	12 44	6.6	21 31		1.7
Sat. 8	13 16	6.2	21 23		1.4
Sun. 9	14 10	5.8	21 9		1.6
Mon. 10	14 40	5.3	21 39		1.7
Tues. 12	17 43	5.3	21 49		1.7
Wed. 13	18 00	5.0	21 47		1.7
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Tsao via S'ow & S'hai	HOPKANG	Sun., 20th May at 7 a.m.
Tsao via S'ow & S'hai	POOHSING	Wed., 27th May at 7 a.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUANGSANG	Sun., 10th May at 10 a.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUANGSANG	Sat., 10th May at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUANGSANG	Sat., 6th June at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	HOSANG	Sun., 10th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Sun., 17th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun., 31st May at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed., 13th May at Noon
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Wed., 27th May at Noon
Tsao via S'ow & Poochow	CHONGSHING	Wed., 13th May at 7 a.m.
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### MORTGAGED STEAMER.

Admiralty Judgment in Favour  
Of Bank.

The sale of a steamer was ordered by Mr. Justice Langton in the Admiralty Court when application was made for the Westminster Bank for declaration of validity of their mortgage, and an order for the appraisal and sale of the steamer Maid of Athens, which belonged to the Byron Steamship Co., in liquidation.

The application was made by Mr. K. Carpmel (instructed by Messrs. Edward and Childs), and there was no appearance for the defendants. He said the mortgage was an English registered mortgage, dated January 14 last, and the defendant company was an English shipping company.

The liquidator of the company was not implicated, because the bank took possession of the vessel, by Admiralty Marshal's arrest, before the issue of the writ. The law was that although, under the companies Act, any property of the company which was under arrest at the time of the liquidation or winding-up should be taken into the liquidation, in this case the property had been transferred by the taking of possession by the mortgagees. There was a similar case in the Maid of Crete, and the President made the usual order.

Mr. Justice Langton—I heard some rumours there of the liquidator wanting to come in afterwards. Mr. Carpmel said the liquidator had not intervened in the present action, and he had full notice all the time.

Mr. Justice Langton pronounced for the validity of the mortgage, and ordered the appraisal and sale of the Maid of Athens, saying the Admiralty Marshal would decide whether the sale should be by auction or by private treaty, and there would be a reference with reservation of all priorities.

Mr. Carpmel observed that there were no other claims. The bank had had leave to pay off the master and crew.

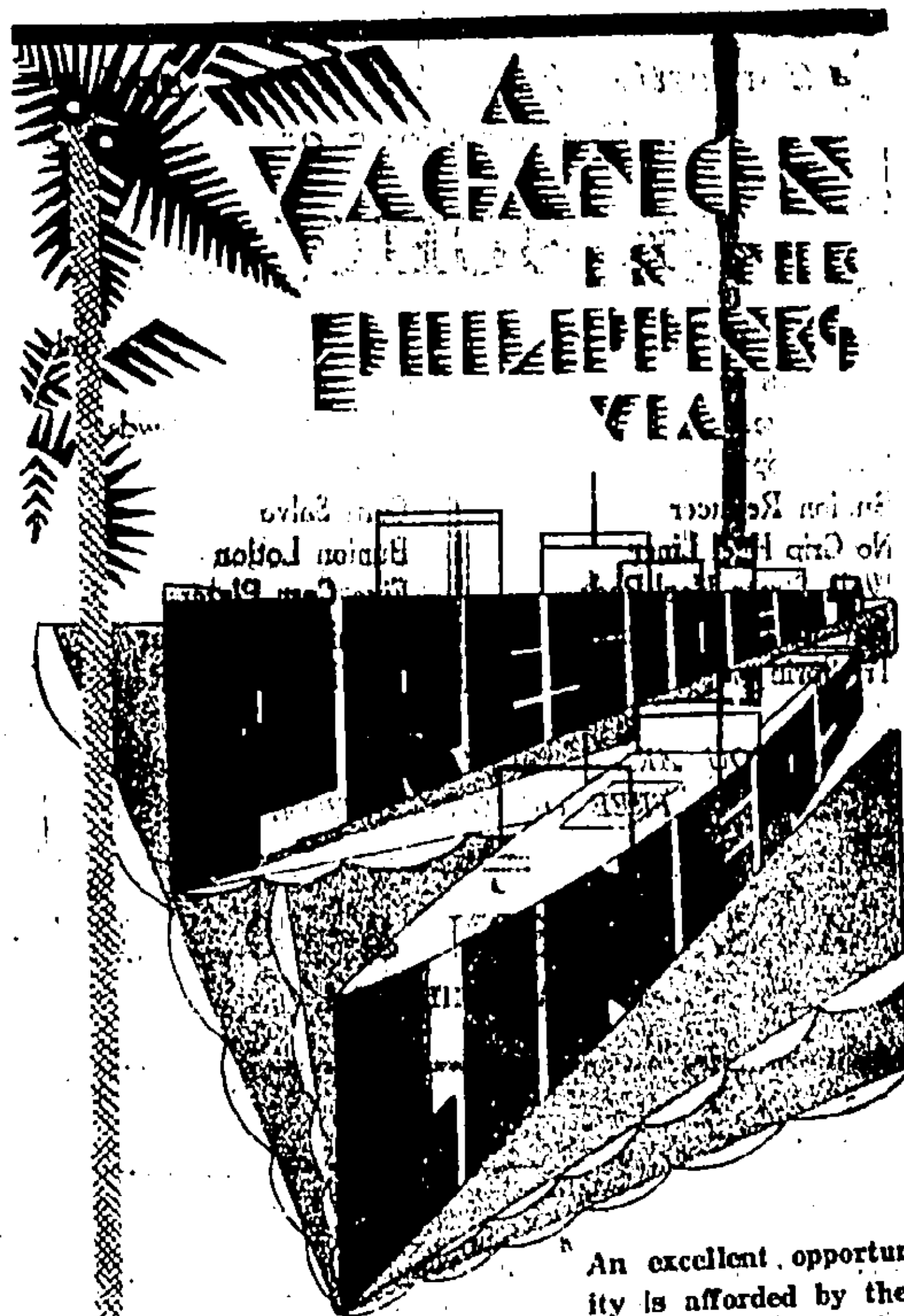
### HELM ORDERS.

WILL A CHANGE BE FOR THE  
BEST?

Lord Atkin, Lord of Appeal, speaking in Liverpool at the annual meeting of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, dealt with the proposed change in helm orders.

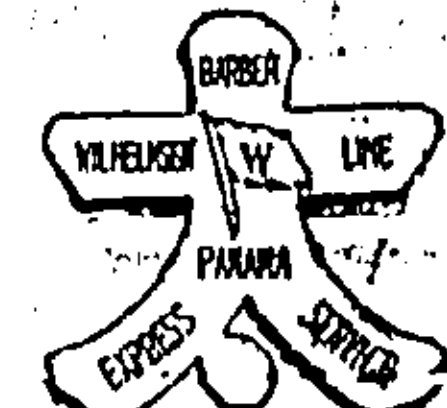
What in the world, he asked, had a change in English helm orders to do with safety of life at sea? How could anyone suggest that life had ever been imperilled at sea by reason of the way in which British mariners gave their helm orders? A great and experienced judge, Mr. Justice Hill, who had just resigned, had stated that he had had 800 cases, and never met with one where an accident had arisen out of some mistake made in an English vessel arising out of a mistake in helm orders because they were indirect rather than direct; and Lord Merrivale, President of the Admiralty Court, who had had much experience in these matters, said exactly the same thing the other day in the House of Lords.

No one, so far as he knew, had produced a case, and there did not appear to be a case, for the change. The case quoted recently in the House of Lords of the danger of English helm orders was one of a German ship which had a Belgian pilot. If the change were made a vast number of people who went to sea said that for a period there would be serious danger to life, and if that were so it should finally dispose of the proposal.



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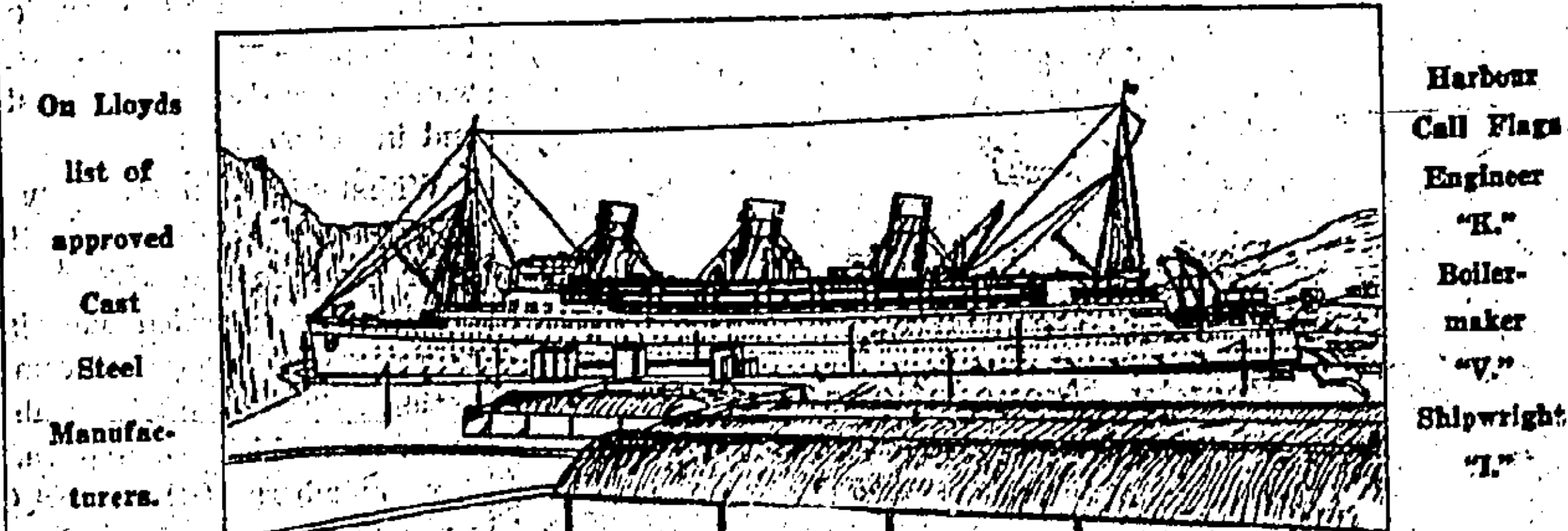
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### ECONOMIC CRISIS.

A warning note on the subject of world depression was sounded by Sir Arthur Salter, the Director of the Economic Section of the League of Nations, during an important address which he delivered at yesterday's session of the International Chambers of Commerce at Washington. The burden of the address was a grave warning that if the nations of the world were not willing—as shown by their imposition of prohibitive tariffs—to receive imports in payment for exports and loans, a chronic disease of the world's monetary system would develop, prolonging and aggravating the existing world depression. Sir Arthur also expressed the opinion that one of the causes of the world depression was the speculative boom of 1929, and felt that the solution of that depression required world-wide co-operation, both in study and in action.

Whilst Sir Arthur's words are full of foreboding and do little to clear away the gloom which has persistently shrouded our vision, there is some degree of compensation to be had in the unabated confidence which seems to radiate from members of the Home Government, Mr. J. H. Thomas in particular, who declared during a speech at Leeds yesterday that Great Britain, in spite of the fact that the total number of her unemployed was greater than the figures during the boom of 1913, had greater cause for confidence than any other nation in Europe. As for America, he said, that was "going through Hell."

The average man, whose knowledge of economics may be limited to the manufacture and marketing of his own products, is thus suspended between two fires—the uninspiring pessimism of Sir Arthur Salter, who has but recently come from China, where he saw little but gloom; and the ranting hot air of Mr. Thomas, who, like all his confreres, is always willing to express full confidence that the depression can be solved—if only the people will vote Labour.

Between these extreme views it is possible, however, to detect a thread of hope. The present crisis, undoubtedly, is due in the main to over-production, rather than to general poverty. Once the crisis is over, over the super-optimists, the world will experience the biggest economic boom in history, which will result in a higher standard of living and general prosperity all round. The present position, which obtains in every country in the world, is specially serious because it is aggravated by certain special circumstances. In the first place, the modern producer has to over-estimate demand. Over-production leads to falling prices, but low prices do not stimulate demand. Furthermore, the estimates of producers for luxuries, as against necessities, are very much greater than in previous years, and the demand for luxuries is always less stable. Again, the highly industrialised society of to-day has greater difficulty in adjusting itself to times of economic depression. In earlier years, when business was conducted on a smaller scale, production could be stopped at once in the event of over-production, but nowadays industrial concerns are so powerful that they refuse to bow to economic depression.

Speculation in stocks and shares always exaggerates the rise and fall in business conditions. Currency troubles likewise constitute a considerable factor in the present depression. There is no reason to believe, so far as we are able to see, that the supply of gold is inadequate for the use of gold as a basis of currency throughout the world, but the present supply is inadequate, owing to its mobility in certain parts of the world. Modern financial transactions require a daily settlement of account, either by the exchange of goods, the borrowing of money from abroad, or by the export of gold.

The existing tariff policies of certain countries, now including China, tend to impede the progress of natural economic forces. As a result of political fear and political unrest in certain parts of the world, there is a good deal of mistrust in lending countries, which is one of the primary factors in the discouragement of investing money abroad. Remove the prohibitive tariffs, either by a world Customs union, or by international treaties, and the solution of the problem is very nearly achieved.

### News in Brief.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall left for Shanghai by the Empress of Russia to-day.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 74 degrees, the humidity being 79 at 10 a.m. and 74 at 4 p.m.

Maurice Chevalier in "Playboy of Paris" (King's Theatre) is discussed in "Talkie Talks" elsewhere in this issue.

His friends will be sorry to hear that Chief Inspector P. Grant is confined to his bed through illness, but it is hoped that he will be up and about in a few days' time.

Lieutenant Gough was summoned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Magistracy this morning for having left his motor car unattended in Queen's Road Central. He admitted the offence, and the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5.

Knocked down by a private motor car driven by Tang Man-tin in Queen's Road East near Murray Road at 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a Chinese was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition, and succumbed to his injuries this morning.

A visitor to the Colony is Mr. Thomas Fox, Editor of the *Siam Observer* and a former Editor of the *Times of Malaya*.—The present Editor of the *China Mail* joined the *Siam Observer* on January 1, 1931, and succeeded Mr. Fox as Editor of the *Times of Malaya* in 1915.

Wanted in California on a charge of alleged larceny, involving \$25,000, Mrs. Jeng Shes, alias Phyllis Yung, is to return to the United States in charge of Inspector Cannon of the San Francisco Police, who is now in the Colony. In the Central Magistracy, Mr. F. H. Loseby, (for the defence), waived extradition proceedings.

Chan Kam was charged at the Kowloon Police Court this morning with the larceny of eight stone drills from the Lai Tu Quarry at Tai Kok Tsui yesterday. He was also charged with trespassing in the quarry. A month's imprisonment was imposed for the larceny, and a fine of \$10 or 14 days' imprisonment on the second count, the terms to run concurrently.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### A TERMINOLOGICAL INEXACTITUDE.

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")

Sir,—Dr. Shiels repudiated the suggestion that the conversion method was tantamount to a breach of contract.

Yours, etc.,

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Hong Kong, May 8.

### SHOP RAIDED.

#### LOTTERY TICKETS HIDDEN IN SCHOOL BOOK.

Chan Hee, keeper of a shop at 130, Portland Street, was charged at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, with having unlawful possession of 37 lottery tickets and with keeping a common gaming house.

Detective Sub-Inspector Elston said the shop was raided at 8 a.m. yesterday and the tickets were found concealed in a geography book beneath the counter.

A fine of \$50 or a month's imprisonment was imposed on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

### BURIED IN DEBRIS.

#### NARROW ESCAPE OF FOUR WORKMEN.

A fall of earth occurred just before 9 o'clock this morning, in Wong Nei Chung, near the Jockey Club Stables, new site.

Four Chinese workmen were engaged in excavation work, were buried, but were extricated in a short time on the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Two of the victims were removed to the Government Civil Hospital, one suffering from injuries to his face, whilst the other sustained severe injuries to his legs.

## Y.M.C.A.'S NEW WING.

### H.E. the Governor Lays the Foundation Stone.

#### "VALUE TO COLONY."

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.), in the presence of a large gathering, laid the foundation stone of the new West wing of the European Young Men's Christian Association in Kowloon yesterday afternoon.

#### MR. SHENTON'S ADDRESS.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I should like to thank you, Sir, on behalf of those who are interested in the Y.M.C.A. work for your kindness in coming to lay the foundation stone here this evening. I should also like on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. to express our appreciation to all those who have, at considerable inconvenience to themselves, come here to join with us in commemorating this important event in our history.

The building of the west wing which is estimated to cost \$150,000 is the fulfilment of a long cherished ambition which has only become possible by the successful management of the finances of our association in the past thereby enabling us to satisfy our bankers, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, that a loan for this purpose is a sound business proposition. I desire to express our gratitude to our bankers for the generous facilities they have given us and the practical confidence they have shown in our affairs.

**Satisfactory Position.**  
Our position is a satisfactory one. The membership roll for the month of December 1926, 1928 and 1930 was 295, 351 and 431 respectively, and the income in the same years was \$99,000, \$117,000 and \$135,000 respectively. This desirable state of affairs is due to the unremitting efforts of our staff Mr. Hunt and Mr. Ingram and the general assistance we have received from Mr. McPherson.

**History of Movement.**  
To those who are not familiar with the history of the European Y.M.C.A. movement in Hong Kong I propose to give a short resume. It was started in May 1904 and carried on a very useful but somewhat precarious existence at various addresses until the idea was conceived of placing the movement on a more permanent footing by the acquisition of our own property and under the happy auspices of His Excellency, the late Sir Henry May supported by Sir Claud Severn, the Government gave us the present site. With the active co-operation of Sir Henry May a sum of \$140,000 was raised by subscription to which the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie and the late Mr. M. J. D. Stephens both contributed \$35,000 and a sum of gold \$75,000 was donated by the International Committee of North America of the Y.M.C.A. largely through the instrumentality of Mr. McPherson who has so many years, not only faithfully but without remuneration served our association and is to-day in charge of our building operations.

**Great Future.**  
The foundation stone of the Main Block was laid on January 21, 1924, by His Excellency Sir Reginald Stubbs and the building was formally opened on November 26, 1925, by His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi. On both occasions their Excellencies in the course of their inspiring addresses referred to the great future before the Y.M.C.A.—that it was only starting on its career—that it had a great and useful future—that in the then not distant future a swimming bath and other forms of recreation both mental and physical would be required—to-day we are fulfilling those prophecies—the new west wing will have a swimming bath on the ground floor, a large increase of the reception accommodation on the 1st floor which will be used for lectures, entertainments and dances, and 30 bedrooms on the upper floors. It will enable us to set aside the whole of the ground floor of the main building for the Services for whom it has always been our policy to make special provision and who will also be given facilities in respect of the swimming bath.

The ceremony to-day marks a further step on the road of progress and is a partial fulfilment of our ambition. We firmly believe that in the not distant future some of us here to-day will have the privilege of witnessing the laying of the foundation stone of the new East wing.

**Forward Policy.**  
We may be criticised for our forward policy and our ambitious projects but I believe that those who wait for normal times or the return of more stable conditions will be left far behind. There is no commoner, or more paralyzing form of bondage to the

past than this belief that somewhere in the years that have gone there is a normal to which conditions will return.

There is no normal—there is no status quo, but only progress to new and unknown conditions.

The work of the Y.M.C.A. is not like a lake which after a passing storm returns again to normal, it is a great river moving continually onwards now fast, now slow, to cataracts and shallows, valleys and level plains, it was never known before. Success and progress go to those who ride the storm—not to those who wait for the calm.

**A Powerful Body.**  
The Y.M.C.A. is a powerful body. It is a religious and moral institution—it proscribes no harmless pastime but encourages wholesome recreation both intellectual and physical at proper times and places.

Its desire is to place Christianity and Christian spirit in its proper light before all men in the hope that by a practical demonstration of the objects and tenets for which the Y.M.C.A. stands brotherly feeling between and towards all may be enhanced and improved. Christianity is intensely practical; she has no trait more striking than her common sense.

**Seriously Tried.**  
The real difficulty with thousands in the present day is not that Christianity has been found wanting, but that it has not been seriously tried. Your Excellency, may it be possible upon the foundation stone laid by you to-day to construct an edifice suitable to our objects, honourable to our Association and of great fit to this Colony.

#### THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

H.E. the Governor, addressing the gathering, said, inter alia:—

It is a great pleasure to me to come to-day to lay the foundation stone of this new West Wing of the premises of the Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong. The main building was erected on an excellent site. I have heard it suggested that it has been overshadowed by the large hotel building on the other side of the road. I cannot quite agree with this—this is an imposing building and has a personality of its own which is incapable of being overshadowed even by such a fine building as the Peninsula Hotel.

Sir Reginald Stubbs in the course of his remarks referred, inter alia, to two matters, namely a library and a swimming bath. I understand that the former has flourished for some time now and that nearly nine thousand volumes were taken out last year; this is a most satisfactory feature on which I congratulate the directors. I am glad to hear that a swimming bath will form part of this new building, the foundation stone of which I am laying to-day.

Last September I visited the premises and received the kind hospitality of the directors at lunch. I was greatly struck by the efficiency of the Branch and especially by the sound practical financial basis on which it rests.

**Work for the Services.**  
One can not but be impressed by the great work done by this branch for the benefit of members of the Services, many of whom are only birds of passage here and must appreciate, and enjoy in a very high degree the excellent facilities afforded them. In this institution they have a fine club which caters in an eminently efficient manner for both mind and body. In short there is no doubt that this is one of the most flourishing branches possessed by the Association, and is of great value to the Colony; the directors have every reason to be proud of it. In laying the foundation stone of this extension to-day I wish the Hong Kong branch of the Y.M.C.A. continued and indeed increased success.

**The Ceremony.**  
Prior to Sir William Peel laying the stone, the Hon. Mr. Shenton deposited underneath a box containing the names of the Governor, members of the Legislative Council, directors and staff of the Y.M.C.A., the architects and contractors, some Hong Kong current coinage, and the current issue of the local newspapers.

Subsequently, His Excellency "well and truly" laid the stone with a silver trowel and hammer.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of May 8, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6%.

A new building five or six storeys high is to be erected on the site of the old Victoria Theatre, at the corner of Des Voeux Road and Pottinger Street. When questioned by a *China Mail* reporter this morning, the architects, Messrs. Palmer and Turner, were not able to state what purpose the owner, Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, intended to dedicate that it would be of a type suitable for offices.



## NEW RATES ASSESSMENT SCALE

Passed By Legislative Council.

"EQUITABLE SCHEME."

Outlying Districts Come Into Line.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, presided over by H.E. the Governor, the resolution moved by the Colonial Secretary, (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) aiming to bring about uniformity in assessed taxes on tenements in the Colony, was carried unanimously.

After referring to the considerations of the resolution, the Colonial Secretary said that it was felt that "any attempt to reflect by a variety of percentages the provision or non-provision of (named) public amenities, was illogical, "their absence or presence being sufficiently reflected in the rateable value of the premises.

"Certain outlying districts," would therefore have their percentages raised, which was considered entirely equitable.

## RAILWAY SMASH WORK.

His Excellency the Governor, prior to the commencement of the business on the agenda, said that he proposed to take the opportunity to express official thanks to all those who had given such valuable help after the disastrous railway accident near Shatin recently. A wonderful amount of help had been offered, and freely given. Had it not been for that it was almost certain there would have been a much greater loss of life.

Certain people had been thanked by letter by the Government in this connection, but in the stress and strain of the trying time there were possibly others who had not been noted. He wished to extend thanks to all concerned in the work, at the same time tendering congratulations to the efficient handling of the situation by Mr. G. A. Walker and his staff, of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. A large amount of work had been got through in very quick time.

In conclusion, His Excellency expressed his sympathy with

the rate being 17 per cent. for a supply of filtered water, 16 per cent. for a supply of unfiltered water and 15 per cent. where no provision is made for any supply of water from Government Water Works.

As was observed in the speech of the Acting Colonial Secretary to which I have already referred, the Government feels that any attempt to reflect by a variety of percentages the provision or non-provision in certain localities of police patrols, street lighting, educational facilities and the like is illogical as the absence or presence of such amenities is sufficiently reflected in the rateable value of the premises.

Equitable Scheme. For this reason Government feels that the raising of the percentage in the case of certain outlying districts which will follow the adoption of the present proposal is entirely equitable. It is proposed that the date to be fixed for the coming into effect of the resolution shall be July 1, 1931.

The Resolution was seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, (the Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor), and carried without a dissentient.

## First Readings.

The Council then passed the first readings of four bills, proposed by the Attorney General, (the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.) to amend the law relating to Bankruptcy, to further amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, to amend the Vaccination Ordinance, 1923, and to amend the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance, 1871, respectively.

The Council then adjourned.

## R.H.K. GOLF CLUB SCHEME.

Mr. Braga And "Public's Rights."

At the meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday, various items specified in the China Mail on Tuesday last were approved.

Some spirited discussion ensued when a vote for resumption at Fanling, totalling \$8,324, was brought forward.

It was explained by the Colonial Secretary that by an arrangement with the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club the Government resumed certain areas that were essential for the proper development of the course.

It was agreed between the Government and the Club that moneys expended by the Club on the acquisition of land either directly from the owners or through the Government should be refunded to the Club and that on the said lands being leased to the Club (together with the remainder of the Club's former holdings) the Club should pay, by way of additional Crown rent, interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum on the moneys so expended.

The amount required to be reimbursed to the Club is \$8,324, which amount is now asked for, but against this sum the Government will receive as Revenue from the Club a sum of \$1,527 owing for arrears of rent for areas occupied by, but not yet leased to the Club.

Mr. Braga Disagrees. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, opposing the scheme, said that the public had a prior inherent right to cross the area, unless the Golf Club were putting up a sum commensurate with the scheme.

Mr. Paterson thought that the Government were leasing out the land, and that the public had thus no rights.

losing the vote, said:—It seems that there is an important principle involved in this item. There may be, and perhaps there are, very good reasons why this Committee should be asked to vote the sum of \$8,324. So far as I can make out from the explanations accompanying this item, it looks very much as if the Government is making a loan of \$8,324 to the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. Why this should be so we are not told in the printed explanation, which is more or less obscure, attached to the vote.

## Matter of Principle.

What I would like to know is this: As a matter of principle will the Government afford similar accommodation to other clubs in the Colony for facilities which, apparently, have been granted to the Golf Club? I have no complaint against this Club as a club; but I would like to point out that it is an exclusive club the membership of which is composed, for the most part, of people in the Colony well able to afford to provide for themselves with all necessary amenities for recreational purposes and who are in circumstances enabling them to look after their own affairs without the pecuniary aid of the ratepayers.

Speaking for myself, I think the Government is creating a precedent which will make it very difficult for the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council with perfect consistency to refuse applications from sporting clubs in the Colony seeking assistance of a like nature from the Government in future.

## Question of Interest.

Then, again, there is this question of interest. I see that the rate of interest the Golf Club is called upon to pay is 4½ per cent. per annum. We are asked practically to make a gift to this wealthy club of 1½ per cent. per annum on \$8,324. I arrive at the difference of 1½ per cent. in this way. The Government pays on its Public Works Loan 6 per cent. per annum to the bondholders. It receives under the proposed arrangement with the Golf Club 4½ per cent. from them. The Government is, therefore, out of pocket on this loan 1½ per cent. per annum which ratepayers who are non-members of the Golf Club, and therefore precluded from enjoying its privileges, are called upon to pay for the Golf Club.

For the reasons I have stated, unless some cogent explanation be forthcoming, I shall not be able to support the vote.

## Chairman Replies.

The Chairman (the Colonial Secretary) replied that he could hardly speak for future members of the Finance Committee's attitude as to grants to sporting or other clubs. In the present case the Golf Club had purchased certain areas of land, which it now proposed to hand over to the Government, receiving the amount of money which it (the Club) had paid. The advantage to the Government in the transaction was that it would then lease the land to the Club on an annual tenancy. The Golf Club gave up considerable rights in exchange. The Golf Club was taking up a considerable area.

A further advantage was that it enabled the whole area to be treated as a complete whole, instead of having various items of private land included in the Club's perimeter. Under the circumstances, the Government had not thought it inequitable to charge them only 4½ per cent.

## Public's Privileges.

Mr. Braga said he appreciated such a full explanation. His question was directed to the interests of the public at large. Were the privileges which had been mentioned inherent to the Golf Club as the Golf Club? The club might be held to be holding the land in perpetuity upon payment of a nominal amount per year.

The Colonial Secretary: As I understand it, the amount is more than the ordinary Crown Land lease.

Mr. Braga later contended that the inherent privileges attaching to members of the Golf Club would not attach to ordinary residents non-members of the Club. They might be considered to be trespassing on ground nominally leased to the club. In that case, could they be prosecuted? He believed there had been a somewhat similar case recently. "If the Golf Club can haul up a member of the public for trespass, before a Magistrate, then I say that this vote for \$8,000 is all wrong, both for the golf club, or any other club. If the leasing excludes a member of the public, then I am sorry I cannot vote for it."

Hon. Mr. Paterson: I think the benefit is very largely on the side of the Government. It is the Golf Club's proposition, not the Government's.

Mr. Braga Adamant. Mr. Braga insisted that the public had a prior inherent right to cross the area, unless the Golf Club were putting up a sum commensurate with the scheme.

Mr. Paterson thought that the Government were leasing out the land, and that the public had thus no rights.

Upon Mr. Braga asking why "we should help the Golf Club," the Colonial Secretary repeated that land was being acquired which was being handed back on lease to the Golf Club.

Mr. Braga: At a nominal rent? The Colonial Secretary: It is not a nominal rent. It is the full Crown rent.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall asked who paid for the development of the course, and was told it was the owners, the Golf Club.

Later the Colonial Secretary said that he did not think the rent was nominal, and he was of opinion the Crown was getting a distinct return. With the view of it not being nominal, the Hon. C. Gordon Mackie agreed, saying that the Government was receiving a sum of \$1,527 in return.

A Point of Order. On the question going to the vote, Mr. Braga again interposed, saying:

I would like to say a few words on a point of order. It may appear strictly theoretical. Nevertheless, I feel that the point should be raised. I refer to the voting on this question. Under Article 24, clause 7, of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council, "a member shall not vote on any subject in which he has a direct pecuniary interest."

I would not go so far as to say that the voting has been influenced by the "pecuniary interest" of any member of this Committee. Nothing further than that is from my mind. On principle, however, I feel I must challenge the votes of at least those members of this Committee who are members of the Golf Club, and whose interest, therefore, in the question before the Committee is a "direct" one.

I, therefore, respectfully submit to you, Sir, that the votes of those members of this Committee who are members of the Golf Club should not be counted.

After further discussion, the vote was carried by seven against one, Mr. Braga dissenting. The Colonial Secretary said he would rule that the interests of Golf Club members' votes present was not a directly pecuniary one.

The Committee then adjourned.

## A VOLTE FACE.

ROUMANIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY.

"PAINFUL SURPRISE."

Vienna, Yesterday. As a sequel to Roumania's suddenly breaking off negotiations for a commercial treaty with Germany, when the German representatives were already en route to Bucharest, the German charge d'Affaires at Bucharest has informed the Roumanian Foreign Office that the German Government is "painfully surprised" by this action, particularly owing to the Roumanian Foreign Minister's threat to issue an unpleasant communique should the German delegation arrive during the Little Entente conference.

It may be noted that Roumania's volte face is possibly attributable to repercussions in Paris and the Little Entente countries of the projected Austro-German customs union.—Reuter.

## "FROTHY" POLITICS

NEW UNITED PARTY IN AUSTRALIA.

SINGING OF ANTHEM.

Canberra, Yesterday. Singing of the "Frothblowers' Anthem" greeted the appearance in Parliament of the new United Party, under the leadership of the former Treasurer, Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Lyons was subsequently greeted with hooting and a violent cross-fire of questioning when he rose in the House of Representatives and gave notice of a motion in the name of the new party, condemning the Government's failure to take steps to safeguard the Commonwealth against a national default.

Mr. Scullin replied, bitterly attacking Mr. Lyons and offering to take the motion immediately, but Mr. Lyons declined.—Reuter.

## HOME BY-ELECTION.

CONSERVATIVES TRIUMPH AT SCARBOROUGH.

London, Yesterday. The by-election at Scarborough, owing to the resignation of the Conservative member, Captain Sidney Herbert, through ill-health, resulted as follows:

Mr. Latham (Cons.)... 21,618  
Mr. Ramsay Muir (Lib.)... 19,429

Conservative majority... 2,189  
—Reuter.

(The polling at the General Election was:—  
Capt. Herbert (Cons.)... 20,710  
H. P. Glesborne (Lib.)... 17,549  
H. D. Rowntree (Lab.)... 4,645

Conservative majority... 3,161  
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## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social Functions.

To-day—Ten Dance at Hong Hong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

## Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Playboy of Paris." Theatre; "Passion Flower." Theatre; To-day—Central Theatre; "Love Among the Millionaires." To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Blaze O' Glory."

## Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Kalyan).  
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Kalyan), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Tanda), 12.30 p.m.

## Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.  
Miscellaneous.  
To-morrow—International Festival of Folk Dance and Song, Diocesan Girls' School, 3 p.m.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

CRITICISM OF CHARLES BICKFORD.

"PASSION FLOWER."

A less glamorous but more accurate title for "Passion Flower" would perhaps have been that used for another film, "Women Prefer Brutes," for the hero of this powerful drama of married life has all the qualities of a roughneck, except the characteristic of manliness. One of the most unpleasant looking men on the screen, he is loutish and awkward, weak and disloyal, with just that touch of the primitive Adam which may appeal to the sensual in women. In this character Charles Bickford acts with quiet strength and gives a realistic simplicity to the film, which has all the unrelieved tragedy of a Russian novel.

He marries the youngest daughter of his employer, for whom he acted as chauffeur, and in his artisan's pride refuses to accept any money or help from her family. The result is five years of grinding poverty for the wife (ably portrayed by Kay Johnson). Then, because he loses his job (he never rose higher than assistant foreman), and his son is in need of good food and fresh air, he yields his pride to the offer by his sister-in-law of a farm in the country. With such a man tragedy seems bound to follow, and he has not been long in his new home before he falls in love with his sister-in-law, who urges him to go away with her.

The acting is perfect and there are no moments of false sentiment. It is simply the life-like portrayal of the struggle between a simple, trusting woman to keep her home and children, and the uncontrolled passion of her sister for a weak and despicable brute. It is a film in a hundred, and apart from its absorbing theme, it is alone worth going to see for the brilliant acting of Kay Francis—one of the loveliest women of character and intelligence on the screen—as the modern Jezebel.

[Other films are reviewed on page 11, also under "Talkie Talks," our usual Friday feature.]

## EXPRESS DERAILED.

FISHPLATES REMOVED FROM RAILS.

Bhusaval, Yesterday. The engine and all the coaches of the Bombay-Peshawar express have been derailed near Lasalgaoon, 150 miles from Bombay.

Details are not yet available. Later, the express was derailed while crossing a bridge, but there were no casualties.

An inspection of the track has revealed that some fishplates had been removed from the rails.—Reuter.



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## Rates Resolution.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, having taken his seat in the Chamber, the report of the Finance Committee, dated April 2, was adopted, after which the Colonial Secretary moved the resolutions as to assessed rates, in the course of which he said:—

I rise to move the resolution standing in my name, which I ask the permission of the Council to take as read.

It will be remembered by hon. members that the Acting Colonial Secretary when moving a resolution in this Council on December 4, 1930, to increase the assessment rates, referred to the present absence of uniformity in the figures for various localities, and he intimated that it was hoped to introduce in time for the quarter beginning on July 1 a simpler table of rates. The resolution which I am now moving will, if it is approved, carry that policy into effect.

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### ANDREWS'S INJURY TROUBLESOME.

C. A. L. Rumjahn Wins  
in Straight Sets.

KEEN DOUBLES DUEL.

(By "Base Line")

At the H.K.C.C. yesterday E. D. Andrews and C. A. L. Rumjahn were introduced to His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, before their singles match, the first singles exhibition game Andrews has given during his short sojourn here.

A lack of confidence owing to the blister he received when playing on Wednesday robbed the visitor of his natural brilliance and, as a consequence, he fell before the local champion's onslaught in a sensational manner, losing by 6-2 and 6-1.

In all fairness to "C. A. L." it must be said that he played a very consistent game throughout, and, if he did receive a number of points as the result of faulty play on the part of his opponent, he rose to the occasion in a cool and creditable manner. At times he exploited that match-winning stroke of his—the top spin back-hand drive—with most successful results. Sympathies must be extended to E. D. Andrews on account of his unfortunate injury, and it is to be hoped that he will have made a complete recovery before his debut on the Shanghai courts.

In order to allow Andrews a respite before his final doubles match C. A. L. Rumjahn played one set with M. W. Lo in a singles match, and won with the loss of only two games.

In the doubles match E. D. Andrews and A. L. Sullivan, after a gruelling first set, went out at 10-8 against the Rumjahn cousins. Andrews showed a marked improvement on his display in the singles game and with the very good support of Sullivan regained a little of the confidence he had lost on account of his injury. The local champions, however, turned the tables in the second set and after twelve games had been played the pairs were on level terms in sets. Failing light did not allow for a third and final set.

Full results:—  
C. A. L. Rumjahn beat E. D. Andrews 6-2, 6-1.

C. A. L. Rumjahn beat M. W. Lo 6-2.

E. D. Andrews and A. L. Sullivan drew with H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn 10-8, 5-7.

### YACHTING.

MID-WEEK RACE  
RESULTS.

The mid-week yacht race which was sailed yesterday was over the following course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (S), Rumsey Shoal (S), a distance of 4 miles. The race commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The results were as follows:—

"I," "Y" and "G" Classes.  
Yacht Sailed by P'tion  
Why Wonder? (Capt. Fowkes) 3  
Bluejacket (Mrs. Adams) 2  
Boojum (Mrs. Pickering) 4  
Speedwell (Major Stewart) 6  
Daphne (Lt. Col. Stokes) 1  
Alisa (Lt. Col. Dunsterville) 5

### BASKETBALL.

As a conclusion to their brief stay in the Colony, the Santo Tomas University, Manila, undergraduates defeated the Chinese Y.M.C.A. by 84 points to 44. The victors left by the Empress of Russia for Shanghai this morning.

### ROBOTS HANDLE THE BETTING.

London.—Perfection of a new device permits bettors on English horses to place their bet in a slot and receive a ticket automatically. Even the odds on the respective horses are figured by the machine as the tickets are clicked out.—Associated Press.

Find out by experiment and practice the style best suited, and stick to it. Marks are not given in golf for graceful handling. Only results give ultimate satisfaction.—J. H. Taylor.

Lawn tennis, in the higher realms of the game, induces "nerves" perhaps more than any other sport, and a very tiny and apparently unimportant incident can affect a player.—Frank Foxon.

### GLOUCESTER UPSET DERBY.

Fine Bowling by Parker  
at Cheltenham.

LARWOOD IN FORM.

London, Yesterday.

Two matches concluded on the second day as cabled by Reuter. At Cheltenham Parker was in great form with the ball, taking 14 wickets for 91 runs to give Gloucester a narrow victory over Derbyshire. At Nottingham, Larwood, the England fast bowler, followed up a score of 74 in a friendly match by taking 8 wickets for 54 runs. Voce, who was such a success on the recent tour in South Africa, scored his first century of the season. Below are appended the full results of the two matches:—

Gloucester Defeated Derby by Four Wickets at Cheltenham.

Scores:—  
Derby: 100 (Parker 6 for 41);  
120 (Parker 8 for 50).  
Gloucester: 112 and 111 for 6.

FRIENDLY.

Notts Defeated Glamorgan by 301 Runs at Trent Bridge.

Scores:—  
Notts: 234 (Larwood 74);  
375-3 dec. (Lilley 110,  
Walker 100, Voce 129).  
Glamorgan: 161 and 147 (Larwood 8 for 54).

### DECISIVE STROKES IN GOLF.

Putting Ability Leads  
to Victory.

30 YARDS RANGE.

I suppose that the golf dictum which has been accepted with the greatest readiness by players of all degrees of ability is the late Willie Park's assertion that "the man who can putt is a match for anybody."

His contemporary, Willie Campbell, replied to it with the remark:—"The man who can approach doesn't need to be able to putt," which certainly looks highly plausible. Personally, I practised for all I was worth the art of placing the shots with iron and masher so close to the hole as to make the putting easy; but there can be no doubt that in golf as it is played to-day, the vast majority of matches and competitions are won within thirty yards of the hole.

This is rather more than putting distance, but it is selected because it is the range at which the Americans are so deadly in getting down in two shots. Last year's championships were unquestionably won by putting.

The Penalty.

Everybody who was present agrees that Miss Diana Fishwick saved the British Women's title from going to America by her holing-out in the final against Miss Glenna Collett, the United States champion. It may not have been phenomenal putting, but it was good; and Miss Collett found herself borne down by the burden of having missed five or six holeable putts.

The impression that stands uppermost in many minds concerning the victories of Bobby Jones is that he beat everybody within 80 yards of the hole. The number of life-or-death putts that he holed in winning his three hardest matches—those against Cyril Tolley, Harrison Johnston, and George Voigt—in the Amateur Championship, was astonishing. Certainly he drove splendidly, but remembering how desperately he had to fight for his triumphs, it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that putting was the keynote of his success.

His driving has often been accorded this distinction, but with all its power and accuracy, I would not have enabled him to beat Tolley, who, in the tee shots, outplayed and outdistanced even Jones.

Took Three Putts!

But deadly putting will achieve results which in the saving of strokes, cannot be obtained in equal measure in any other part of the game.

It was proved again in the Open Championship at Hoylake. Now I come to think of it, the last round of that event was well under way before Jones fell so shockingly from his standard as to take three putts on a green. Nobody could remember that he had done such a thing in the amateur championship at St. Andrews, nor in any stage of the open championship up

### LADIES' HOCKEY AT KING'S PARK.

Champions in Action in  
Concluding Match.

STIRRING STRUGGLE.

The match between the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club and "The Rest" of the Caer Clark Cup League at King's Park this afternoon will conclude the Ladies' Hockey season. After the match the Caer Clark Cup will be presented to the Champions of the League—the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.

The teams will probably line up as follows:—

Hong Kong Ladies:—G. Little; E. Gray, J. Smalley; E. O'Hagan, B. M. Pope, M. Wallace; I. C. Bell, E. G. Ross, E. M. Donelan, C. Ferguson, and M. Bishop.  
"The Rest":—R. Rose (St. Andrew's Club); A. Fowler (K.B.S.F.P.A.); P. Woolley (St. Andrew's Club); E. Booth (K.B.S.F.P.A.); M. Alves (Club de Recreio); S. Daziel (K.B.S.F.P.A.); C. Botelho (Club de Recreio); M. Woolley (St. Andrew's Club); M. George (K.B.S.F.P.A.); A. Alves (Club de Recreio); and P. Gittins (St. Andrew's Club).

to the last round—unless it happened in the qualifying competition, which always promotes in the star player an inclination, not to make life too much of a strain.

It is obvious that this capacity to economise in putting strokes is the surest road to success in every walk of golfing life. Even the players who are most accomplished at it do not usually win by a lot. But they win. It makes the indispensable little difference.

Tantalising.

In its way, it is a tantalising state of affairs. There is not the slightest reason why anybody should be lacking in proficiency at it. Middle age might reasonably be just as good as youth at it; a plump physique as good as a slim one. Accurate putting is a quality open to virtually everybody, irrespective of age, sex, or build; and yet only the few become consistent at it.

If a vote were taken amongst those people who are qualified to judge, I suppose that Walter Hagen would be established as the finest putter in the world. It is a pretty question as to whether he has been the superior in this respect to Jones; but I really think he deserves to be regarded as the perfect example of the devil incarnate on the putting green, because he has won his four British open championships almost entirely by his holing out from distances between two yards, and six yards, writes Harry Vardon in the Sports Dispatch.

I have no particular impression of Hagen as a man who gets down a lot of very long putts, but he is a prodigy at those which are always considered holeable, and yet which ordinary people are always expected to miss.

Rigidly Still.

It is a firmly established faith that the body must be kept rigidly still in putting, with only the arms moving in the playing of the stroke. It used to be regarded as an inexorable law.

Teachers can impose it upon their pupils with greater success than any other principle that they might seek to inculcate, because it is very easy—indeed, it is natural—to keep the body still in making a putt of anything up to six yards. In some golfers, however, it seems to create a stiffness of the muscular system, which defeats the object. The result is a jerky hit at the ball, which must necessarily open up several chances as to the direction in which it will travel.

Easy and Pliable.

It has to be confessed that some of the best putters have been easy and pliable in their bodily disposition.

They have not moved the weight much, because nobody would want to do that in playing a putt of a few yards, but they have not been rigid and dependent solely upon arm-work.

This struck me about Willie Park, who was unquestionably the finest putter of his generation until Tom Ball arose. And Ball positively swayed in putting.

Jones, too, swayed a trifle. And Hagen does it, for, taking the club back with the left hand, he moves it forward with the right, his weight following it so that there shall be no construction of the muscles.

What is the fascination of golf that takes such a grip of all sorts of people who would never worry their heads about any other sport? Chiefly, I think, its infinite variety.—Archib Compston.



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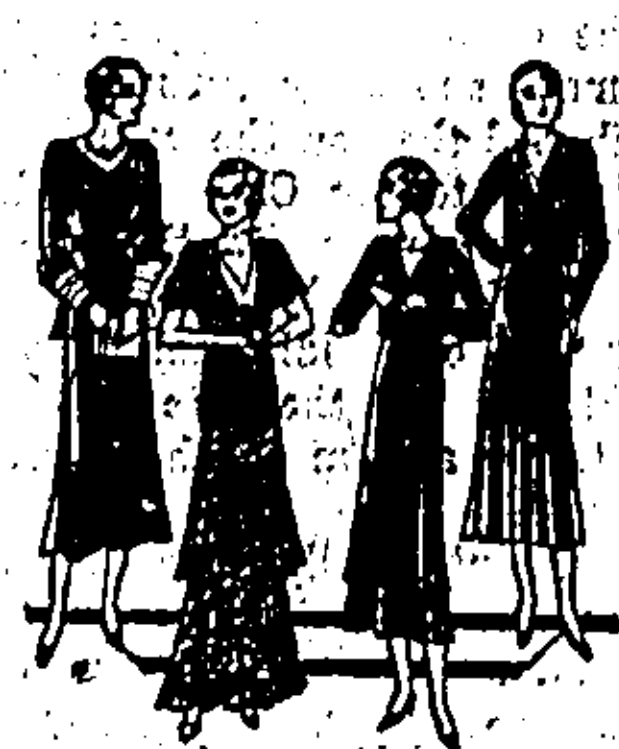
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here for several days, physicians  
said to-day after examining his in-  
juries.

When Ruth will return to the  
Yankee's line-up is uncertain.  
Ruth suffered a contusion on the  
left leg between the knee and thigh.  
Every day that Ruth lies in the  
hospital it is something like \$500  
upent by Jake Rupert, for that is  
what Ruth costs for every playing  
day.—United Press.

## Our Sports Diary.

### LOCAL.

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong  
Ladies' Hockey Club (Champions)  
v. The Rest of the League.  
A.T.H.E.T. (C.S.)—To-morrow—  
Sacred Heart College v. K.F.C.  
LAWN BOWLS—To-morrow—  
Entries close for Open Singles  
Championship; First Division—  
Civil Service v. Police, K.C.C. v.  
Kowloon Dock, K.B.G.C. v. Craig-  
ingover, Recreation v. Tai-  
koo; Second Division—Craigingover v.  
K.B.G.C., Yacht Club v. Civil Ser-  
vice, Tai-ko v. Recreation, H.K. Elec-  
tric v. K.C.C.

### HOME.

GOLF—To-morrow—St.  
George's Cup at Sandwich.  
RACING—To-morrow—Great  
Jubilee Handicap.  
MOTORING—To-day—Junior  
Car Club Double Twelve at Brook-  
lands.

### GOLF.

### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal  
Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the  
following list of starting times  
for Fanning on Sunday:—  
9.20 a.m. K. K. Rounds, W. C.  
Haley.

- 9.24 " A. C. Coppin, W. A.  
Butterfield.
- 9.28 " J. H. B. Lee, Q. A. A.  
Macfadyen.
- 9.32 " I. G. Allison, A. J. R.  
Wolf.
- 9.36 " D. F. C. Cleland, I. C.  
Highet.
- 9.40 " J. H. Collis, V. J. R.  
Gordon.
- 9.44 " T. Low, N. K. Littlejohn.
- 9.48 " Comdr. Priestley, J. J.  
French.
- 9.52 " A. H. Ferguson, E. D.  
Matthews.
- 9.56 " W. N. Buyers, D. S.  
Robb.
- 10.00 " R. R. Davies, R. S. W.  
Paterson.
- 10.04 " J. M. Walker, T. S.  
Whyte-Smith.
- 10.08 " E. J. Price, R. H.  
Dowler.
- 10.12 " C. B. Shank, S. C.  
Feltham.
- 10.16 " H. S. V. Mossop, F.  
Young.
- 10.20 " A. C. J. Bowker, F.  
Syme Thomson.
- 10.24 " E. Stone, J. Coulthart.
- 10.28 " A. M. Parker, C. Mycock.
- 10.32 " D. Forbes, D. J. Gilmore.
- 10.36 " I. W. Shewan, E. J.  
Munro.
- 10.40 " O. Esger, A. D. Hum-  
phreys.
- 10.44 " H. R. Remington, A. H.  
Penn.
- 10.48 " D. Pike, S. J. H. Fox.
- 10.52 " J. Thayer, R. C. Law.
- 10.56 " A. Leach, W. C. Shields.
- 11.00 " R. W. Taplin, J. B.  
Lanyon.
- 11.04 " P. Sykes, W. J. Riddi-  
ford.
- 11.08 " E. J. Dowley, G. W.  
Garrett.
- 11.12 " G. B. Lane, L. C. Grover.
- 11.16 " R. G. Williams, G.  
Coulson.
- 11.20 " A. Reid, J. E. Richard-  
son.
- 11.24 " W. R. Vallance, G. R. M.  
Robertson.

## EARNEST DESIRE FOR LIMITATION.

Steps Toward Solution  
of Naval Problem.

### EXCHANGES OF VIEWS.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
British, French and Italian Naval  
experts met at the Foreign Office  
to-day and exchanged views on the  
position of the Naval problem as it  
stands after receipt of the Italian  
and British replies to the French  
Memorandum of April 20.

Correspondence on the subject  
brings out clearly the earnest desire  
of the three Governments to over-  
come the present difficulties, and  
with this end in view the oral  
changes of views will continue.  
It is expected that the meet-  
ings at Geneva next week will  
present an opportunity for direct  
discussion on this subject between  
the Foreign Ministers of the three  
countries. The French and Italian  
experts will leave shortly for  
Geneva, where some of them are due  
on May 11.—British Wireless Ser-  
vice.

### DISARMAMENT.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARLEY  
TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR.

### INTER-PARTY MEETING.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay  
Macdonald and the President and  
Leaders of the Conservative and  
Liberal Parties, were present at a  
further meeting to-day of the Sub-  
committee of the Committee of  
Imperial Defence, which is con-  
sidering arrangements for a Gen-  
eral Disarmament Conference to  
be held next year.—British Wire-  
less Service.

### FOUND DROWNED.

A SUSPECTED CASE OF  
SUICIDE.

Another case of suspected  
suicide has been brought to the  
notice of the Criminal Investiga-  
tion Department, in the discovery  
of the decomposed body of a  
Chinese, of tall build, which was  
found by Sergeant Cameron float-  
ing in the harbour off the Sanitary  
Department wharf at Wanchai.  
The man is stated to be about  
35 years of age, and was dressed  
in grey cotton trousers, a white  
cotton vest, over which he wore a  
blue cotton jacket, in a pocket of  
which was found six Hong Kong  
copper cents.

The report adds that the left  
wrist was bound loosely with a  
pink silk cord slip knot, and a  
piece loosely over the right  
wrist.  
The doctor has certified death  
as due to drowning, but it is be-  
lieved that the man committed  
suicide. The body had been float-  
ing for about ten days.

### HIGHLAND HOPE.

APPEAL IN ADMIRALTY COURT  
SUCCEEDS.

London, Yesterday.  
The Admiralty Divisional Court  
has allowed the appeal of the  
owners of the Nelson Line vessels  
Highland Hope, which was wrecked  
in a fog off the coast of Portugal  
on November 19, against the finding  
of the Court of Inquiry, last Febru-  
ary, with reference to the captain's  
age.—Reuters.

The Shinwanpao says that Gen-  
eral Shih Yu-shan, the "grey" gen-  
eral, whose troops are again said  
to be restive, has wired to Nan-  
king asking for permission to go  
abroad.

The offices established by the  
National Government for the  
examination of passports of aliens  
entering Woosung began to func-  
tion on May 1.

Dr. Frederick Reiss, who was  
operated for appendicitis at the  
Country Hospital, Shanghai, is  
making satisfactory progress.

## EXCHANGES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—  
Bank, wire ..... 11 1/2  
Bank, on demand ..... 11 1/2  
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 13/16  
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/— 7/16  
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/— 9/16

On Paris—  
On demand ..... 607 1/2  
Credits, 4 months' sight 647 1/2

On Berlin—  
On demand ..... Nom.  
On New York—  
On demand ..... 23 13/16  
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 15/16

On Bombay—  
Wire ..... 65 1/2  
On demand ..... 65 1/2

On Calcutta—  
Wire ..... 65 1/2  
On demand ..... 65 1/2

On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 42 1/2  
On Manila—  
On demand ..... 47 1/2

On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... 77 1/2  
Dollar ..... 4 1/2% dis.  
On Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 48 1/2  
Sovereigns (Bank) buying rate 1/— 3/4  
Silver (par oz.) ..... 13 1/4  
Bar Silver in Hong Kong ..... Nom.  
Copper Cash ..... Nom.  
Copper Cents ..... 3 1/2% prem.  
Rate of Native In-terest 3 1/2% p.a.  
Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 28 1/2% dis.  
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

### LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Paris ..... 124.45 1/2  
New York ..... 4.86 1/2  
Brussels ..... 34.98 1/2  
Geneva ..... 25.25 1/2  
Amsterdam ..... 12.10 1/2  
Milan ..... 92.92 1/2  
Berlin ..... 20.42 1/2  
Stockholm ..... 18.14  
Copenhagen ..... 18.16 1/2  
Oslo ..... 18.16 1/2  
Vienna ..... 34.57  
Prague ..... 164 1/4  
Helsingfors ..... 193 1/4  
Madrid ..... 49.85  
Athens ..... 375  
Bucharest ..... 217  
Lisbon ..... 108.25  
Rio ..... 3 7/32  
Buenos Aires ..... 34 1/2  
Montevideo ..... 31  
Bombay ..... 1/5 27/32  
Shanghai ..... 1/3 1/4  
Yokohama ..... 2/— 13/32  
Hong Kong ..... 1 1/2  
Silver Spot & For-ward ..... 13 1/4  
—British Wireless Service.

### BANK LOSES OVERDRAFT

### APPEAL.

(Continued from page 1.)

An Acute Submission.  
Mr. Sheldon acutely argued that  
if the appeal is dismissed on the  
ground of the plaintiff's further  
affidavit filed during the hearing,  
the effect will be that the plain-  
tiff has shifted the onus by giving  
the evidence which he would have  
given at the trial of the issue, or  
that, in other words, he has ac-  
cepted the onus. I would point  
out that the plaintiff's further af-  
fidavit was not contradicted in any  
way, so that I must prima facie  
assume it to be correct and to  
state a fact equally known to the  
defendant. In any case I have  
given my reasons for thinking  
that on the ground of the accounts  
alone the onus lies on the defend-  
ant.

I need scarcely say that any  
findings of fact in this judgment  
are purely provisional, and will  
have no effect on the findings in  
the trial of the issue.

I think that the appeal should  
be dismissed with costs.

Mr. Justice Lindell concurred  
in the finding.

On Mr. Potter's application,  
Monday next, at 10 a.m., was  
fixed for the hearing of fact in the  
case.

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 8th May, 1931.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Open	Close	Last dividend and when paid
<b>Banks.</b>						
Hong Kong Bank	2025	2040	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Chartered Bank	181	181	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Mercantile Bk. A.B.	231	231	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Bank of Asia	120	120	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Insurance.</b>						
Canton Ins.	1400	1400	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Union Ins.	635	640	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
*China Underwriters	4.00	4.00	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
China Fire Ins.	525	525	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1300	1300	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Shipping.</b>						
Douglases	24	24	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Steamboat	27 1/2	27 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	40	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Shell Transports (old)	53 1/2	53 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Union Waterboats	26 1/2	26 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Mining.</b>						
Reagents	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Kailash Mining Ad. v.	27 1/2	27 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Langkat	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Shai Exploration (Tls.)	2	2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
*Loans	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
*Ranks	38 1/2	38 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Venezuela Gold Fields	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>						
H. K. & W. Docks	164	164	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. & W. Docks	35 1/2	35 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
South Ch. Motors	10	10	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
*China Provident (old)	5.00	5.00	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Hongkong	21	21	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
N. Engineering	290	290	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Shanghai Docks	111	111	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Lands, Hotels &amp; Buildings.</b>						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	15.20	15.20	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. & S. Hotels	141	141	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Lands	91 1/2	91 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Shanghai Lands	11 1/2	11 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Humphreys (old)	17	17	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Realities	11.00	11.00	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Chinese Estates	90	90	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>						
*Ewo Cotton	18.63	18.70	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Shanghai Cotton	101	101	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Zueng Sings	11 1/2	11 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Public Utilities.</b>						
*H. K. Tramways	19.10	19.10	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Peak Tram (old)	2	2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Star Ferry	94 1/2	94 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
*China Light	25.55	25.55	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Electric	80	80	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Macao	39	39	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Sandakan Lights	12	12	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Tels. fully paid	53 1/2	53 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
China Buses	18.00	18.00	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
*S'pore Traction (Ord.)	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Industrials.</b>						
China Sugars	30 1/2	30 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Malayan Sugars	30	30	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Cold. Mag. Ord.	14	14	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Canton Ice	9.00	9.00	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
*Cement (com.)	18 1/2	18 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Ropes	21 1/2	21 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Stores, &amp;c.</b>						
Dairy Farms	27	27 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Watsons	14	14 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Der A Wings	2	2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Lane Crawfords	9.00	9.00	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Mackintosh	18	18	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Sincere	14 1/2	14 1/2	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Wm. Pirella	4	4	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>						
H. K. Amusement (old)	25	25	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
Ch. Entertainment	10	10	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
H. K. Constructions	7.05	7.05	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
B. Ind. G.S. Bonds	70%	70%	100	100	100	[Final] 25 cents at Mar. '31
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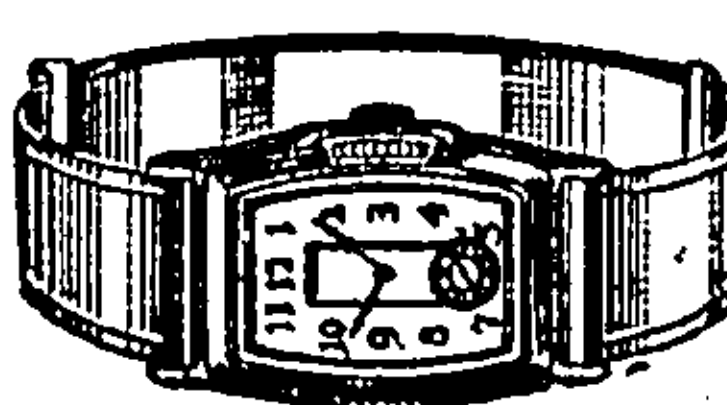
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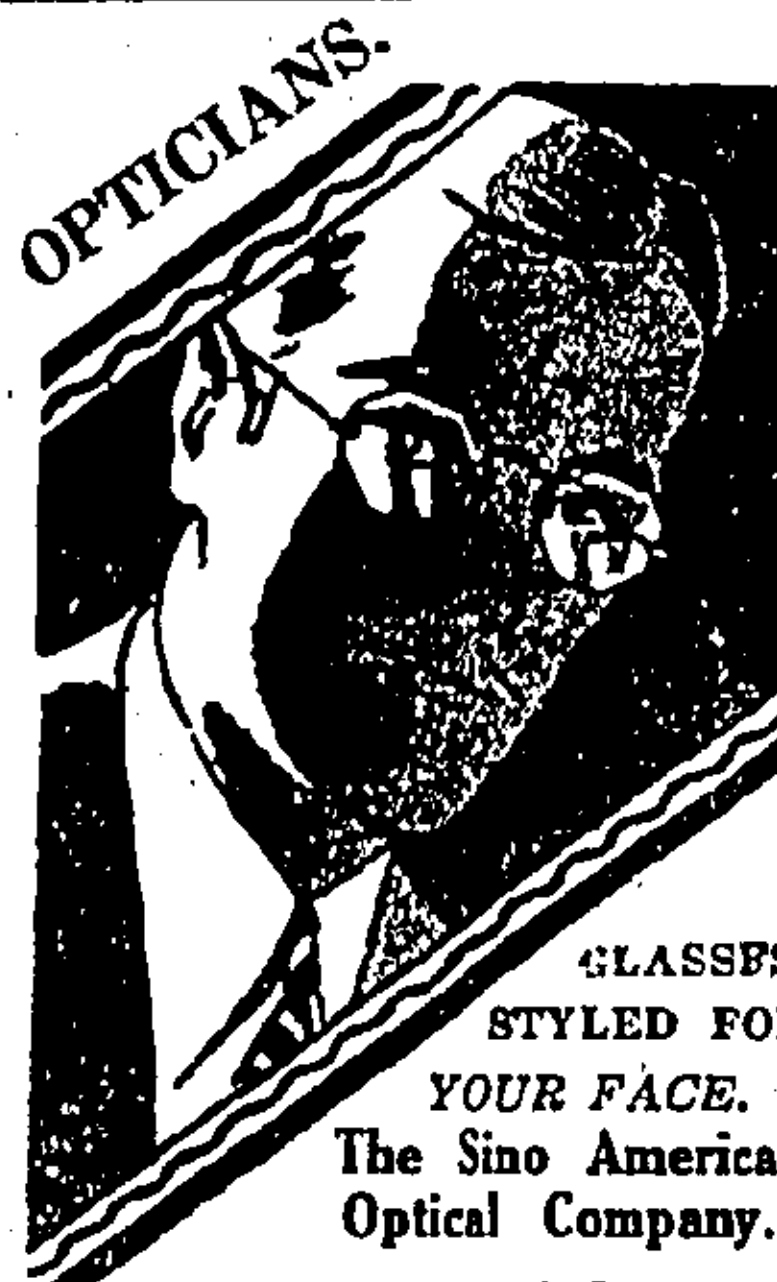
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## ANNIVERSARY OF ZEEBRUGGE.

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War.

## "THE IMPOSSIBLE."

"The object of the enterprise was  
to do something impossible, declared  
Rear-Admiral A. F. B. Carpenter,  
V.C., at the outset of a lecture  
on "The Blocking of Zeebrugge,"  
given a year ago.

"Unless you have some idea of  
the events which made the enter-  
prise necessary," Admiral Carpen-  
ter said, "the obstacles confronting  
its execution and its ultimate ob-  
ject, you cannot conceive the enter-  
prise in its true perspective." Follow-  
ing the imprisonment of their fleet  
in the Heligoland Bight, the German  
Naval Command resolved on the  
destruction of the British mercan-  
tile fleet. The only possible method  
was to institute submarine warfare,  
and the adoption of that policy re-  
quired a base on the Belgian sea  
coast. Bruges was chosen for the  
purpose.

"When the submarine campaign  
got going," observed the lecturer,  
"our losses in merchant ships were  
perfectly terrific. We lost fifty-  
seven ships in the first week." It  
was only a matter of arithmetic to  
determine how long Britain could  
hold out against starvation and de-  
fect. Three-quarters of the losses  
thus sustained originated in  
Bruges. It was, therefore, impera-  
tive to block Ostend and Bruges on  
the same night.

The Obstacles.  
Admiral Carpenter next dealt  
with the obstacles to this project.  
Along the Belgian coast line, from  
Middelburg to Knocke, the Germans  
had constructed a remarkable sys-  
tem of coastal defence. It consisted  
of heavy naval guns, some of  
which had an effective range of over  
thirty miles. The entrance to the  
Zeebrugge Canal was flanked by the  
Zeebrugge Mole, the sea side of  
which offered no opportunity for  
landing. At the end of the Mole  
there was a six-gun battery and  
another which consisted of three  
heavy naval guns. The obsolete  
cruisers intended to be employed as  
block ships would have to pass  
under the muzzles of these latter to  
reach the canal. Those guns had to  
be destroyed, and for that reason  
an attack was staged on Zeebrugge  
Mole in connection with the block-  
ing of the Bruges Canal.

"Our first consideration," con-

tinued Admiral Carpenter, "was to  
find what past experience we had  
to help us. When we examined naval  
history we found that every pre-  
vious attempt to block an enemy  
harbour had failed." A fog drift-  
ing from sea to land was the only  
means of securing a surprise. The  
whole success of the attack, there-  
fore, resolved itself on the produc-  
tion of an enormous artificial fog.  
The spreading of this fog was pro-  
ceeded by a bombardment by  
monitors on the night of April 22,  
1918, which was intended to sug-  
gest that nothing was going to  
happen.

The Attack.  
Some minutes after midnight  
H.M.S. Vindictive, commanded by the  
lecturer, attacked the Mole, accom-  
panied by two Liverpool ferry-  
boats, the Iris and the Daffodil.  
The Vindictive came under the fire  
of the six gun battery almost im-  
mediately, and practically all her  
senior officers were killed. Upon  
getting alongside the Mole, storm-  
ing parties were landed, and the  
action was fought at eight-one  
yards range. Under the circum-  
stances, the storming party suffered  
heavy casualties and it was a  
high testimony to the Marines that  
only a dozen wounded were left in  
the hands of the enemy. "Every-  
one on the bridge was killed, with  
one exception," Admiral Carpenter  
remarked. "If he had been killed  
someone else would be required to  
lecture here this afternoon."

Meanwhile a submarine was run  
under the railway viaduct and blown  
up, the crew of six being rescued in  
a miraculous fashion. Of the three  
blockships, the "Thetis" was severely  
on fire that she sank herself  
voluntarily before reaching the  
canal. The other two cruisers,  
guided by coloured lights fired by  
the half-sunken Thetis, sunk them-  
selves almost to the hour appointed  
in the exact places marked on the  
plan, thus completely blocking the  
channel. High credit was reflected  
on the work of the motor launches  
in the fact that not a single officer  
or man, dead or alive, from the  
crews of the three cruisers, was left  
in the hands of the enemy.

Proof of Success.  
That attack was not done solely  
by the Royal Navy, but largely by  
the Naval Reserve and the Volun-  
teer Reserve. "Great credit was  
therefore, due to those chaps who  
had not had the long training we  
had had."

"We were afforded proof of the  
success of our enterprise within an  
hour," declared Admiral Carpenter,  
in conclusion, "when the German  
Naval Command made a general  
signal to all submarines at sea. It  
was as follows: 'Do not return to  
base. Zeebrugge blocked.'"

## RUSSIAN'S CLEVER PLAN GOES WRONG.

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## GAS FROM BEANS!

A swindle involving a sum of  
several million dollars has been un-  
earthed by the detective police of  
Harbin just at the moment when it  
was coming to maturity.

A certain Russian, seeing that  
there were huge quantities of beans  
for sale and a great depression on  
the market, evolved a clever idea  
which would have made him a rich  
man, but for the facts that he had  
to borrow money to help him finance  
the deal and that his financial part-  
ner became suspicious.

The Russian impudently pre-  
tended that the British Government  
required to purchase 140,000 tons of  
beans, stating that an "attaché" of  
the British military authorities had  
been sent to Harbin for the purpose  
of making the purchase, but that  
the whole matter must be kept  
secret. He said that the British  
Government required the beans for  
making gas, the process being a  
secret one, and there were people  
who were entirely deceived by his  
suave manner and clever talk.

Briton As Dupe.

To work out the scheme it was  
necessary to get a British "attaché"  
and this the swindler succeeded in  
doing by signing a contract with a  
young Briton, staying in one of the  
Harbin hotels, but this contract was  
simply to carry out the sale of beans  
abroad, the Briton to register him-  
self as a firm called "China Trans-  
port" while the Russian was to open  
offices in Foochow in the name of  
Du Fu De Shan Han.

The Briton's signature having  
been certified the Russian had a  
document prepared with official  
seals and stamps with which to in-  
veigle other persons into the net.  
He took care not to introduce the  
Briton to any of his friends, stating  
that the "attaché" wished to be  
unknown in the whole of the trans-  
actions.

He found a Russian with a small  
capital who willingly gave him  
money on the supposition that he  
would make enormous profits, and  
thus the Foochow office was  
opened and operations begun.

Staff Engaged.

The Russian borrowed money to  
pay dues and taxes and to furnish

his office, and also engaged clerks  
whose salaries were to be paid as  
soon as the business was actually  
running. He showed various people  
the counterfoils of a cheque book  
at the National City Bank of New  
York, from which he had appar-  
ently drawn large sums of money.

The swindler made all his ar-  
rangements carefully and slowly  
arranged for the purchase of a large  
quantity of jute bags, which would  
be sent to the Chinese dealers on the  
railway line, and in which they  
would load the beans for Dairen.

He proposed that these dealers  
should hand him over the railway  
receipts for the cars of beans and  
as soon as the goods were delivered  
to Dairen the money would be re-  
ceived from the British Consulate.

To carry this out he required a  
guarantee of Yen 200,000 and found  
an American who said he would  
arrange this, but this Russian in-  
vited the assistance of a well-known  
Harbin merchant, who was not so  
easily gulled.

He made inquiries at the bank  
and found that the Du Fu De Shan  
company had not even 100 dollars at  
their credit, and he also discovered  
that the so-called "attaché" was  
simply a young teacher of English  
who had been gulled by promises of  
great profits.

The matter was reported to the  
police, who promptly arrested the  
would-be swindler.

He declares that if his partners  
had not doubted he would have got  
away with a large sum of money,  
and they would have had their  
share. All the papers in the town  
are full of the story and it is the  
subject of talk everywhere.

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6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7-9 p.m.—European Pro-  
gramme of Victor Records.

7-9-20 p.m.—Vocal Gems from  
the Operas.

Tales of Hoffman (Offenbach),  
Mignon (Thomas),  
Aida (Verdi).

7-20-735 p.m.—  
Victor Light Opera Company  
(35940).

7-20-735 p.m.—  
Victor Light Opera Company  
(35940).

8 p.m.—Local Time, Weather  
Report, etc.

7-53-825 p.m.—Waltzes.

Carmen Sylva (Ivanovitch),  
Eva Waltzes (Lehar-Schott),  
International Novelty Orch.  
(35984).

Valse De Concert (Glazounov),  
San Francisco Symphony  
Orchestra (3520).

Love and Spring (Waldteufel),  
Maytime (Young-Romberg),  
Nat Shikret and the Victor  
Orchestra (35030).

8-25-843 p.m.—Organ Solos.  
You Forgot to Remember,  
Jesse Crawford (19006).

At Peace with the World,  
Valencia, Jesse Crawford (20075).

After I Say I'm Sorry,  
The Prisoner's Song,  
Jesse Crawford (19980).

8-43-930 p.m.—A Concert.  
Piano Solo—  
Caprice Espagnole (Moszkowski),  
Bohemian Dance (Smetana),  
Wilhelm Bachaus (7121).

Song—  
Love Tide of Spring  
(Betti-Glazounov-La Forge),  
Lucerna Bori, Soprano (6699).

Violin Solo—  
Shepherd's Madrigal (Kreisler),  
Gypsy Caprice (Kreisler),  
Fritz Kreisler (6712).

Piano Solo—  
A Moment Musicale in F Minor  
(Schubert),  
B. Impromptu in B Flat (Schubert),  
Wilhelm Bachaus (7120).

Song—  
Song of the Volga Boatman  
(Chalabap & Koonemann),  
Feodor Chalabap, Bass (6822).

Violin Solo—  
Lullaby Land (Cyril Scott),  
Hungarian Dance No. 17  
(Brahms-Kreisler),  
Fritz Kreisler (6706).

9-30-945 p.m.—Relay of the  
News Reel from the King's  
Theatre.

9-45-10 p.m.—Musical Comedy  
Tunes.  
Gems from "My Maryland"  
(Donnelly-Romberg),  
Victor Light Opera Company  
(35816).

Gems from "The Desert Song",  
Gems from "Countess Maritza",  
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(35809).

10-11 p.m.—Relay of "Play-  
boy of Paris" from the King's  
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C. B. Olivarius, O. Sika, Mrs. H.  
Stark, L. C. Tuckerman, Miss J.  
Williams, H. H. Winburg.

In a report to the British  
Columbia Legislature, Hon. W. A.  
Atkinson, Minister of Agriculture,  
mentioned that over 2,000 wild  
horses, owned mostly by Indians,  
had been sold to horsemeat plants in  
1930.

## FATAL GLIDING ACCIDENT.

Founder Member of  
Association Killed.

## SEQUEL TO EXPERIMENT.

An inquest was held at Harpen-  
den on the body of Thomas Eaton  
Lander, 36, of The Old Rectory,  
Harpenden, who was killed when  
his glider crashed during an ex-  
periment with a new launching ap-  
paratus driven by a motor car.  
This is the first fatal gliding ac-  
cident in Britain.

Members of the British Gliding  
Association present were Mr. E. C.  
Gordon England (chairman), Cap-  
tain Latimer Needham, chairman  
of the technical committee, and Mr.  
L. Wingfield, a member of the  
council.

Mr. Wingfield said that Mr.  
Lander was a founder member of  
the Association and one of the first  
in the country to obtain a glider  
pilot's certificate.

Mr. Charles Elliott, of Holly  
Park, Finchley, who was with Mr.  
Lander at the time of the accident,  
said that they were using an experi-  
mental launching apparatus at  
Faulkner's End Farm. It conformed  
to general principles of design  
of other gliders but was much  
smaller. The launching was by  
power transmitted from a motor  
car. The wind was blowing at  
about 25 miles an hour, and the  
glider was placed to fly directly  
into it.

The Coroner.—Are you satisfied  
that all the launching apparatus was  
in order?—In perfect order.

## Unexpected Result.

Mr. Elliott stated that he was  
operating the motor car and Mr.  
Lander was strapped in the glider.  
As soon as he received the signal  
he "revved" up the engine to about  
three-quarters of the maximum  
revolutions and let the clutch gently  
engage. "The result was very un-  
expected. The glider left the  
ground, climbed rapidly, and when  
it had attained a height of about  
40ft. in probably less than one  
second I realised that the speed  
must be much too fast and im-  
mediately depressed the clutch."

The glider pitched forward slightly  
twice and then dived almost  
vertically into the ground. It had  
obtained a speed of about 50 to 60  
miles an hour in little less than a  
second, and its nose was embedded  
about 12in. in the ground. In his  
opinion the accident was due to in-

crease in power, lighter weight, and  
decrease in wind resistance owing  
to the smaller machine.

A juror.—Was there any extra  
danger in this experiment?—No,  
my only doubt was whether it would  
work. I quite expected that the  
glider would fail to leave the  
ground.

Dr. Beale said that death was due  
to a fractured skull.

## Owner's Evidence.

Mr. Hamish Allan, of Cambridge  
Street, London, the owner of the  
glider, said that the machine had  
been used for half a dozen flights.  
Lander and he worked out the  
velocity of launching the glider  
from the car. They had previously  
found that the calculated figures  
were not approached in practice and  
it was thought that with the engine  
under load the actual velocity at-  
tained would be under the calculat-  
ed 30 miles an hour. Presumably  
the figures on which they had been  
going with regard to the maximum  
revolutions of the car had been  
faulty, and the load in this instance  
proved too small to slow up the en-  
gine revolutions.



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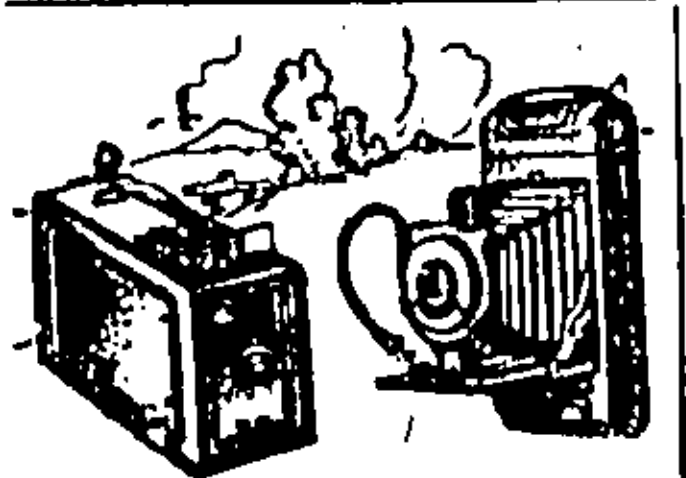
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### TALKIE TALKS

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In "The Playboy of Paris," she still manages to hold the interest of her legions of admirers in all parts of the world. She takes a bad picture on her shoulders, and by her own particular personality she carries it through with honours. In "Love among the Millionaires" we find her a railroad lunch waitress who falls in love with the son of the President of the company, same here being disguised as a brakeman. Not a very original plot. When she learns who the lad really is, she pulls the "David Garrick" stuff—pretends to be intoxicated in order to cure him of his love. Oh NO, she cannot sacrifice his career, etc. All's well that ends well. Stanley Smith is the boy. Skeets Gallagher and Stuart Erwin relieve with comedy, and there are a couple of songs thrown in—(for no apparent reason). Mitz Green, when given the chance, steals the picture.

#### Old Fashioned Drama.

One of those good old East Lynshire dramas directed by William de Mille, the brother of more famous Cecil, Kathleen Norris, story, "Passion Flower," has been considerably altered for the film. The acting is excellent, being in the capable hands of Kay Johnson, Kay Francis, and Big Boy Rickford, (Charles). I do not fancy the latter in the part of Dan the chauffeur, but that is only my humble opinion. The story is the eternal triangle, but it ends in this case with the philandering husband's return to the loving forgiving wife, and "Happy ever after" for the final fade-out. Zazu Pitts comes through with a laugh when things become too maudlin.

You remember the good work done by Miss Johnson and Mr. Rickford in "Dynamite," and Miss Francis—sporting a new coiffure—is the vamp who lures husband—(she is good reason for any man leaving home).

#### Married Young.

Miss Francis recently married Kenneth McKenna. She is the daughter of an actress, married very young and divorced at twenty. Went on the stage to forget, became a success on Broadway, then came the Talkies, big chances with William Powell, and now well on her feet at the new game. Recommended. (Queen's).

There is a little girl named Clara Bow who is one of the greatest natural actresses on the screen—that is WHEN given a story worthy of her talent. So seldom does that happen, and yet



Clara Bow.

Clara Bow is clever, there is no doubt, but by her escapades she keeps herself too much in the limelight. She was born in Brooklyn New York, and in her early days did not know the word happiness—she only knew what it was to struggle for the bare necessities of life. Grim, stark unromantic poverty. She won a beauty competition, a small chance in pictures. Taken to Hollywood by B. P. Schulberg, who took her with him to the Paramount Studio, where she has since remained, her first years there were, unfortunately, her success turned her head. Now she is learning that life must be faced—there is no running away from it. There is so much more to it than wild parties, loves, laughter and gaiety. Clara is a changed girl these days. No conceit, generous with other artists in her pictures, lovable, candid, irresistible, the "It" girl is one of the most colourful personalities in the film world. I, for one, never miss a Clara Bow picture. (Central).

#### "Ladies Love Brutes."

If you want to be chilled, thrilled—"Let George do it." Bancroft is indisputable monarch of Movie Melodrama. Real stuff with a kick in it. In "Ladies Love Brutes" we see him as a sky-scraper builder in the city—a man's man—till he meets THE woman. She is a beauty. They have one common interest—their sons. These boys are kidnapped, then thrills come thick and fast, the fight is worth the price of admission. Go without fail to see the romance between the lovely Mary Astor and the world's most successful he-man, George Bancroft.

What I liked about the story is that it ends as it would in real life—he realises too well that she is not for him. Stanley Fields, remembered in "The Street of Chance," does good work, also the two kiddies and Fredric March. I am a great admirer of Mary Astor. This was her first picture taken after the tragic death of her husband—Kenneth Hawkes. Her beautiful eyes look sad. To me she is a delight to the eye and the ear. This is a Bancroft picture that ranks with his best. (Central).

#### Ruined By The Law.

Quite a few years ago I saw a wonderful actress named Jane



Jane Crawford.

Cowl play in New York, a strong drama called "Within the Law." Then it came to the movies with Alice Joyce and later with the once perfect actress Norma Talmadge. Now it comes again dished up under the title of "Paid," with lovely Joan Crawford as Mary Turner, the girl whom the law ruined. She is really dramatic, but she rather overdoes the ghastly unreal Camille look. The story of the girl sent to prison for a crime she did not commit, who emerges from behind the prison bars with a full knowledge how to fool the law, marries the son of her former employer out of revenge, falls in love—does not need re-telling.

There is a new man, you will either like or dislike. Not good looking. Name at present, Kent Douglas, he is different and sincere. Robert Armstrong stands out, but the picture is unmistakably Joan's. By sheer hard work she has achieved success. She photographs well, and is a very fine actress, in this play she shows she can be more than a "Dancing Daughter" or a "Modern Maiden." (Queen's).

We shall have a chance of seeing very lovely Doris Kenyon—(Mrs. Milton Sills) in another Talkie soon. She has not done many. With Rod La Rocque coming shortly to the Central in "Beau Bandit." Also a picture that has been packing the theatre in Shanghai—the first all-Chinese Talkie, "Singing Peony." It will be a novelty, if nothing else, and certainly will make a wide appeal to the thousands here, who should follow the sister City's example and support Home Industries. (Central).

#### Marie Dressler.

I hear from Headquarters that "Whoopie" will be revived. Like "The Love Parade," a thing to be seen again and again. Go and hear Eddie Cantor sing—"Making Whoopie," "Girl Friend," "My Baby just cares for me." Go and see the team work of that ballet, the beautiful women. Also it is on the cards that my greatest favourite, Marie Dressler, will show us real drama in "Min and Bill" co-starred with Wallace Beery. I call her—not "The World's Sweetheart," (that is exclusively Mary Pickford's), but "The World's Best Friend," the woman with a greater gift than beauty, the woman who makes us think. Yes—see a Chatterton and



Norma Shearer.

Shearer film for mental stimulus but see a Dressler film for real entertainment. (Queen's).

The three million (or was it four) dollar picture "Hell's Angels" is coming to thrill us. It may interest you to know also that it cost the lives of four stunt aviators, and took three years to make. Howard Hughes, the young multi-millionaire, wrote and directed it. He is an oil king, with a passion for doing big things in pictures. When this story is in the air, it is truly worth while; when the heroes come to earth, it rather loses its grip. Ben Lyon, (husband of Bebe Daniels), and James Hall are the brothers. Jean

Harlow, a very new ashen-haired vamp, shares in the acting honours. Zeppelin Raid.

The photograph is perfection. The Zeppelin raid over London, the stunts in the air make this picture outstanding. You will probably ask why it cost so much to produce, but you will, have to admit it is worth seeing. (Queen's).

The picture that is making box office records at the London Empire—is coming shortly. "Trader Horn," said to be the greatest picture of its kind ever taken. A wonderful production photographed in the real surroundings, (no fake). A fine cast of players, headed by Harry Carey, Duncan Renaldo and Edwina Booth, not forgetting the natural acting of the natives, and the able direction of Van Dyke with his small army of helpers, chief amongst them to whom bouquets must be handed being the camera men. Hong Kong, thanks to the first-rate management of the Queen's Theatre, will shortly witness this epoch-making film. (Queen's).

### HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

Dick Arlen and Jobyna Ralston—(one time leading lady for Harold Lloyd) recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary. The marriage of Ina Claire and John Gilbert has gone on the rocks. When temperaments clashed—love flew out the window.

Corinne Griffith is living a life of ease. With a far-seeing husband and sound investments she is richly endowed with the world's goods.

Rumour has it that Mary Pickford is going in for manufacturing cosmetics and beauty preparations. A little more grit to the mill.

When Ramon Novarro finishes the Spanish version of "Daybreak" he will leave to perfect his French in Paris, and in future will make his pictures in all three languages.

Mary Nolan the gorgeous beauty on the Universal lot, has married a rich New York broker.

Marlene Dietrich arrived at the Premiere of the London showing of "Morocco" with Britain's richest bachelor, the friend of the famous Sir Phillip Sassoon.

She wore white with white fox coat, and lavender gloves to match the Barma violets at her waist. Unlike the Garbo she likes public life. By the bye the British critics are not in raptures over her work—(neither am I). It is said to be stated in her contract that von Sternberg is to direct her in all her pictures. It is a pity that the Garbo has quarrelled with her best director, Clarence Brown.

After the finish of the present contract with M-G-M in which she must do three pictures, Greta threatens to retire and live quietly for ever in her castle in Sweden. I doubt it. The Garbo does not



Greta Garbo.

care for money or fame, but she does want a way to express her pent-up emotions, and in her acting she finds the outlet. She is too young, too great to be allowed to leave her work.

### ROUND THE CINEMAS

#### THE "DISCOVERY" OF CLARA BOW.

#### "LOVE AMONG THE MILLIONAIRES"

Clara Bow has discovered that love is just as exciting among the millionaires as it is with ordinary folk, and the "It" personality is at its finest in the sparkling, comedy-full musical romance, "Love Among the Millionaires," showing at the Central to-day, as it was when confined to the fleet in "True to the Navy."

Amid the clatter of dishes and the blatant tones of a nickel-in-the-slot piano, "Love Among the Millionaires" gets underway. Clara sings a song, "Believe It or Not, I've Found My Man." That's where Stanley Smith comes in and transports the Redhead to a fairy paradise of the wealthy at Palm Beach. But, even then, everything refuses to run smoothly.

Stanley has a father, Claude King, who thinks a son of the rich shouldn't marry a girl of the poor, and, likewise, Clara has a father, Charles Sellen, who declares no daughter of his will marry a wealthy man. While the old chaps get together, Clara and Stanley have a misunderstanding which almost breaks up the romance.

"Love Among the Millionaires" is one of the most enjoyable pictures Clara Bow has ever made, and Clara really gets a chance to sing. Those who heard the "It" voice in "Paramount on Parade" and "True to the Navy" will want to hear the Redhead sing "Believe It or Not," "That's Worth While Waiting For," "Love Among the Millionaires" and "Barin to Go." Clara sings with her voice, her eyes, her red hair, her whole body. She handles a song like she handles a man, with pep, personality and enthusiasm.

#### "PAID."

Styles change even in under-world jargon. Realising that racketeers, gangsters and "heist" men of to-day speak a different language from the footpads, porch-climbers and "con" men of yesterday, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer modernised the dialogue of "Paid," Joan Crawford's new starring talkie, based on the noted stage drama, "Within the Law."

The play was written and produced in 1912 by Bayard Veiller with Jane Cowl in the stellar role. It was brought to the screen twice as a silent film, starring first Alice Joyce and then Norma Talmadge. Because of the lapse of eighteen years, Lucien Hubbard and Charles MacArthur were put to work to bring the "Crook" talk up to date.

Sam Wood directed the new picture which will be the feature at the Queen's Theatre starting Sunday: The supporting cast includes Robert Armstrong, Marie Prevost, John Miljan and Farnell Pratt.

#### RUGBY ROMANCE.

#### Mr. Rowe Harding To Marry.

The engagement is announced of Rowe Harding, the old Cambridge University and Welsh Rugby Football captain, to Miss Elizabeth Adeline George, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Owen George, of Brynecnon, Hiraun, South Wales.

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## BRITISH TRADE IN THE FAR EAST.

Young China's Zeal to Learn.

TRADE SHIP SUGGESTED.

London, Yesterday. The full report of the Economic Mission to the Far East is being published on May 13.

Sir Ernest Thompson and Sir Thomas Allen, interviewed today, emphasised that the mission was unanimous that engineering should be representative and believed that there was still purchasing power in China for high class British engineering products.

They pointed out that a proposal as regards the grouping of trades and competitors followed a plan which had been most successful in China, and believed that if Britain made a National effort to get its products on a more competitive basis she would succeed.

The Mission was much struck by the ability and strong inclination to learn on the part of young Chinese, and had emphasised very strongly the necessity of much more intensive British propaganda in every channel.

They deprecated the disposition of British newspapers to depreciate the value of the British trade effort, and urged Britain to organise her industrial proficiency in the public Press.

The mission, while making no recommendation, strongly advocated the despatch of a British trade ship, which would show British goods in all ports and also many inland centres of China, owing to the great waterways.

### Earlier Report.

London, Yesterday. That price is by far the heaviest handicap from which British goods, generally speaking, suffer from in Far Eastern markets, and it primarily accounts for the decline of British trade in comparison with the increase in the goods of our principal competitors—Germany, Japan and the United States. These authoritative conclusions emerge from the Report of the British Economic Mission which visited China and Japan under the Chairmanship of Sir Ernest Thompson.

**Prices Must Be Competitive.** Stressing the foregoing observations the Report says that all other aids to sale, however efficient, would be only truly effective when the price of our goods was competitive. In the opinion of the Mission all costs must be reduced until prices of British goods again reach a competitive level. At that level the natural advantages we possess in the world trade (among which are mentioned our artificial skill manufacturers, convenience of our trading stations and our good name) would reassert themselves. There is no doubt that such a policy would require sacrifices from all classes of the community if Britain is to assert the report of the Mission.

### A Serious Rival.

The Mission, in the course of a number of recommendations, fully recognises the importance of Japan as a competitor to Britain in the supply of useful manufactured articles at low prices, notably cotton goods. With regard to Japanese imports these are likely to decrease and the market become more competitive.

Examining the iron and steel industries in Japan, the Mission

refers to rationalisation schemes there and thinks that if trade receives the importers may secure low price orders in lines in which Japanese production is insufficient and accordingly suggests that manufacturers have resident experts in Japan.

### Engineering in Japan.

On the subject of engineering in Japan the Mission strongly recommends manufacturers to supplement the knowledge and sales capacity of their agents and information in catalogues and trade literature by attaching direct technical representatives to their agents' offices. It also suggests that several manufacturers might care to combine in employing a joint expert to save expense. Manufacturers should also closely investigate the possibilities of co-operation with the Japanese industry.

### Textile Industry.

In commenting on the wool and textile industry the Mission thinks that British high-class cloths are likely to continue to serve this limited market, but apparently it is only a question of time before Japan will be able to produce the whole of its needs. There is no indication of efficiency in the Japanese woolen worsted industry but it is seriously lower than ours and it is calculated, allowing all possibilities, that the Yorkshire wages and costs per unit of production are at least two and a half times or perhaps three times greater than those of the Japanese.

### Japanese Marketing Methods.

The Japanese export marketing methods are declared to favourably compare with the British. A serious investigation on the question of freight rates on raw wool imported into Britain, and finished exports, particularly to the Far East is urged. Japanese competition in the wool markets will certainly increase and the British wool and textile industry must take steps to meet it and ensure that the cotton trade experience is not repeated.

"The important point for Britain is that of recent years the tendency of Japanese exports of all kinds of finished goods is to increase both in volume and variety in the markets to which they are consigned."

### British Representation Unsatisfactory.

After reference to the United States and German imports into Japan and Japanese distribution the Mission cannot avoid the conclusion that Japan will henceforth offer but little attraction for foreign merchant houses except in special limited goods which are not produced in Japan, and it considers that the representation of British manufacturers in Japan is unsatisfactory. It states that British manufacturers would be in a much better position to offer suitable products if they employed and acted on the advice of efficient representatives and if principals paid personal visits. Britain unfortunately does not study market requirements whereas her competitors do. A common complaint is stated to be the lack of attention to proper advertisement, the use of suitable catalogues, proper packing and labelling.

### China Market.

British publicity is far behind the times and is ineffective compared with that of her competitors. The Mission had not failed to notice in the Far East signs of propaganda on the part of other nations, the effect of which is harmful to British interests. "We commend this subject to the British Government for consideration."

Turning to the China market to which many of the foregoing observations also applied, the Mission says Britain's immediate problem is whether she can produce low and medium qualities of goods

at low prices, and it recommends the British Government to forthwith summon a conference to study the financial and industrial interests and to explore the possibilities of participation in the development of China which would open up new markets.

"Educate China to Our Methods." Under the heading of metals and metal manufactures the Report says that the co-operation of financial interests is essential in order to counteract financial penetration by the United States. "If we are to fight a winning battle for the China trade we must educate China to our methods and products."

It is observed in the course of suggestions offered that a "general" agent without an expert is usually a mere order taker and not an order getter; it also recommends the organisation of British machinery exporters into groups to prevent wasteful inter-British competition, and to strengthen British representation, which must be given close representation. The Mission feels it is a matter of urgent necessity to promote more intimate cultural relationship between China and Britain for the purpose of attracting Chinese students to British universities and workshops. The Department of Overseas Trade should summon a conference at an early date at which British universities and business men, interested in the China trade, should be represented.

The same department is also recommended to convene an early conference at which British bankers, industrialists, exporters, and merchant houses interested in the Far Eastern market should be represented for the purpose of enquiring into complaints of inadequacy of British finance to meet the needs in the Japanese market and decide on desirable action. The conference should consider the question of the provision of long-term credits for the export of machinery equipment to China. "It is clear that the Chinese Government and the nation have set their faces towards a policy of industrialising China and British capital should play its part in the development."

### Stabilisation of Silver.

The stabilisation of silver should be sought by every means (says the Report) thus restoring China to her full purchasing power. Britain should take the leading part in attaining the necessary international agreement thereon.

The Report confirms the Cotton Mission's recommendations and further is of the opinion that:—"No industry which is so dependent on exports as the British cotton industry is, can continue to exist unless it is fully competitive with other countries." Whatever steps are necessary to prevent the calamitous further decline in the Lancashire cotton industry, due to cheaper Japanese production, must be taken without delay.

The Mission recommends the establishment of a British service of specialists, or experts, in countries which are undeveloped or where British trade shows the greatest decline. This service should report direct to the Department of Overseas Trade and the personnel be recruited from first class men. Secondly, export firms should consider without delay whether the method of grouping for export purposes can be profitable and applied to themselves.—Reuter.

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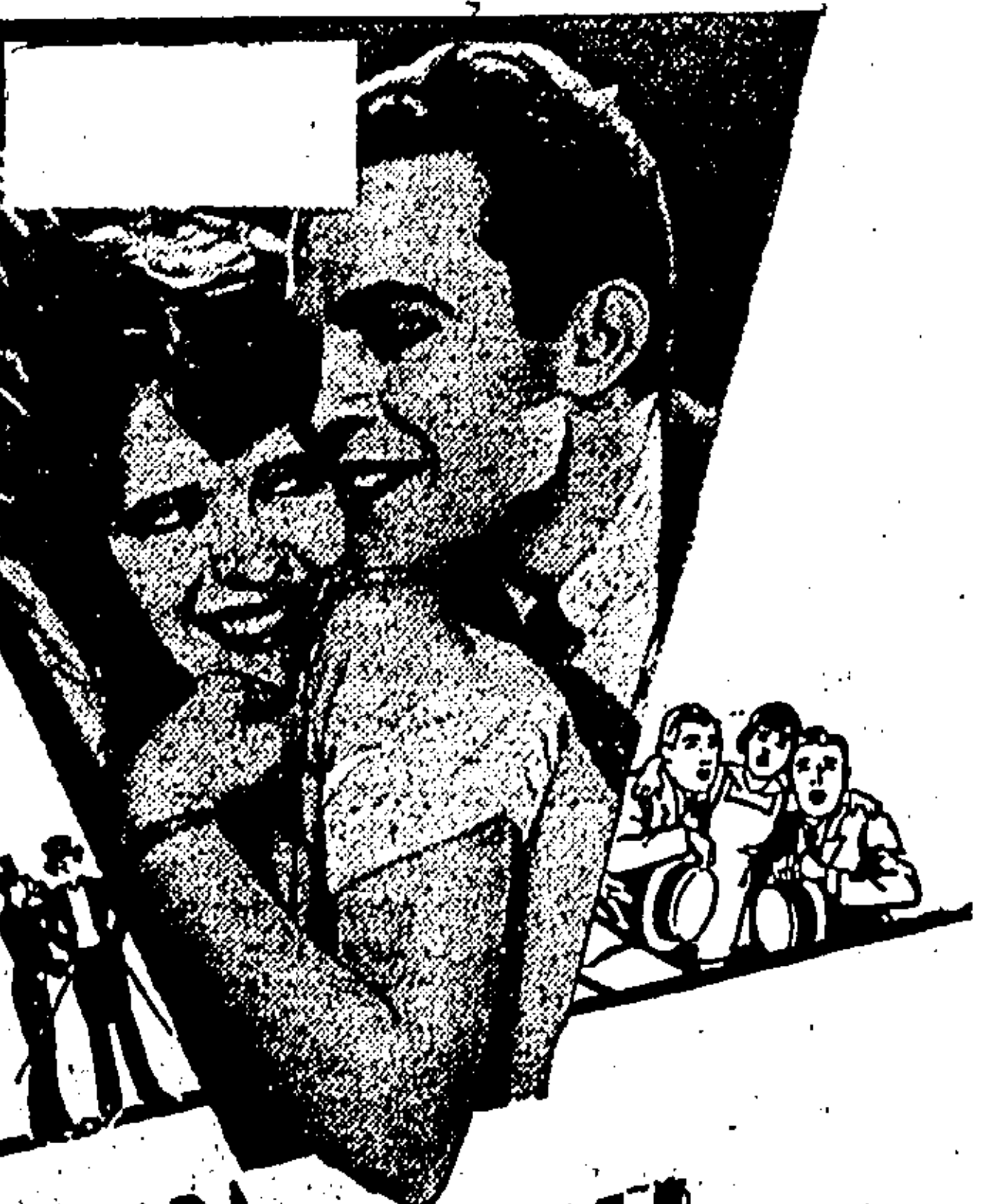
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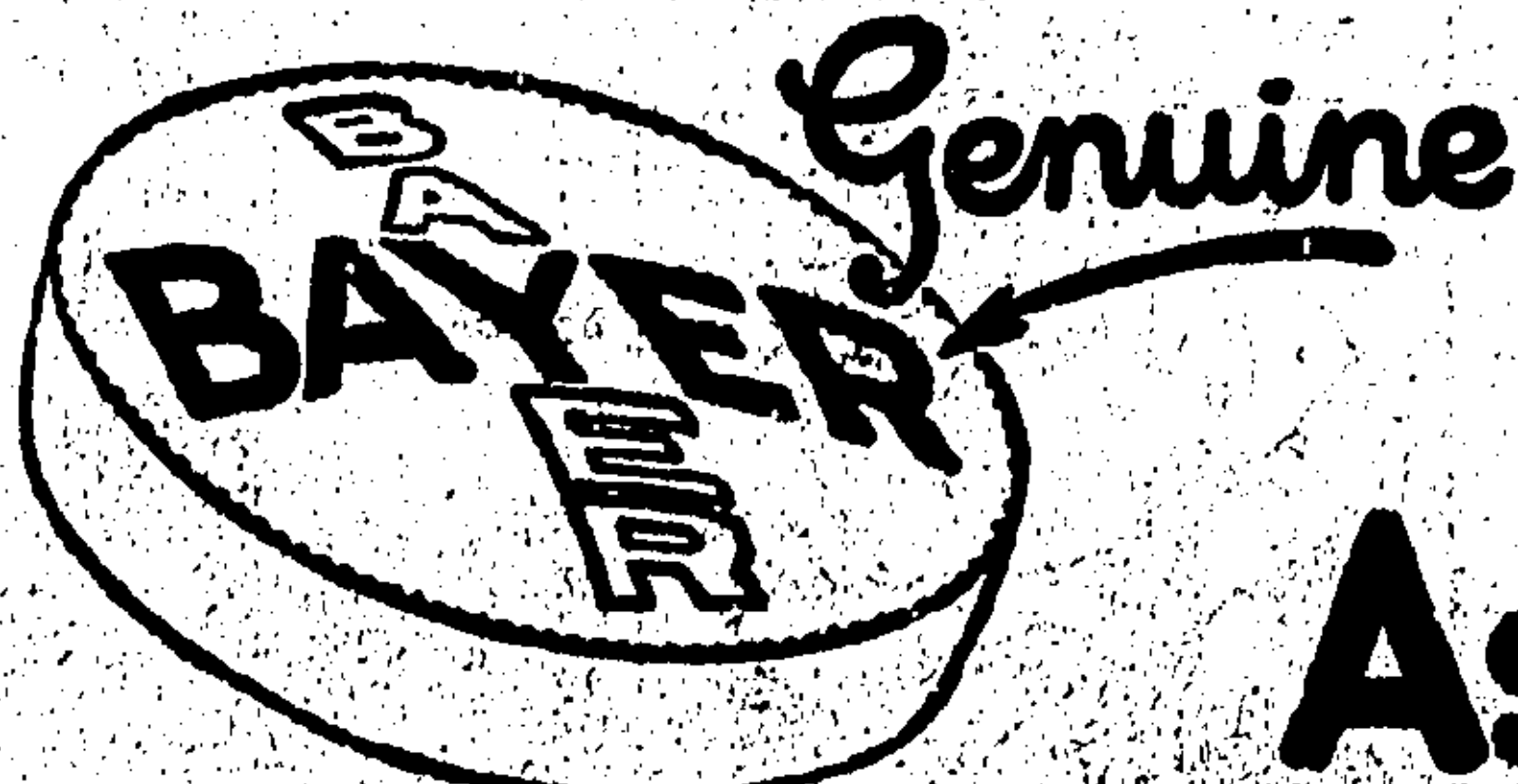


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